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## Ross arrives; IDF readies for Land Day

### Army plans tough response to any violence

By **ARIEH O'SULLIVAN**

With tanks, snipers, and seriously beefed-up forces, the IDF is making it very clear to the Palestinians that they risk losing

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everything if protests over the weekend to mark Land Day turn violent.

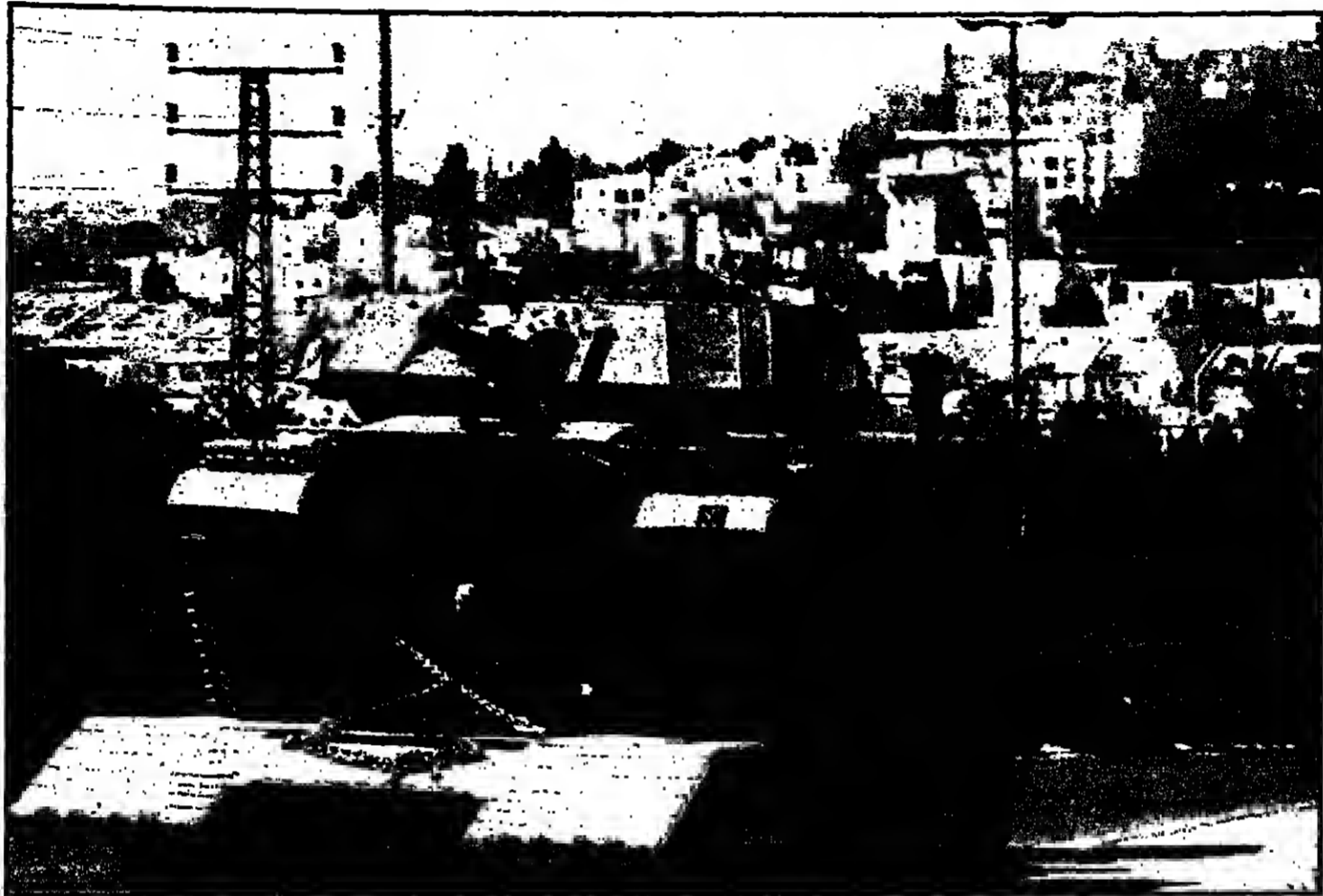
Code-named "Burning Iron," the IDF plan allows for Palestinian demonstrations, but will meet any violence with a tough response. Protests are likely after prayers today, and are expected to peak on Land Day on Sunday.

For the third weekend in a row, Jerusalem police will be out in full force at the Temple Mount and at Har Homa, bracing for further clashes with Palestinian protesters.

Much of the operation today will focus on the Temple Mount, where large numbers of Moslem worshippers are expected to turn out for noontime prayers at Al-Aksa Mosque.

Although some restrictions have been lifted, the closure of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza is still in effect, and many Arab residents of PA-controlled areas will not be able to enter Israel to attend services.

For now, tanks have been brought to outlying areas, but they are mainly for a deterrent effect. The IDF is aware that if tanks are used, the peace process will probably be blown sky-high. "I hope that these days pass quietly. But we have the might



A tank is moved through northern Jerusalem yesterday, as tanks were deployed in the West Bank in preparation for Land Day. (AP)

and, I very much hope that we won't need to use the forces that are already on the ground," Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak told reporters in Jerusalem yesterday.

"There are tanks. The problem is not tanks, but how not to use the forces — and that is what I hope will happen. According to the information at our disposal, we will wait and see what develops, so that is why we have forces there," he said. "If we were sure it would be quiet, then we wouldn't need all the forces that are now there."

Tanks will be used only as a last resort and entry into the Palestinian-controlled areas will be only on order of the govern-

ment. Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai called on the Palestinians to refrain from violence, noting that Israel would not refrain from using force if needed.

"If someone wants to make a mistake, they will find we are prepared. The Palestinian public needs to return to waging a war on violence. You must rid terror from your midst so that it will be safe for all of us," Mordechai said in an interview with Arabic TV.

Large numbers of soldiers have been sent to settlements in Judea and Samaria. Patrols have been increased on some roads in the territories, and some roads have

been closed to Israelis. Jewish worshippers are not being allowed into Joseph's Tomb in Nablus until at least Monday, but the site has been reinforced with troops.

The IDF said its policy will be to first allow the Palestinian Police to quell any violence, but snipers have been deployed at expected confrontation sites just in case.

For the first time, the IDF has also barred Palestinians from the border industrial zones and has instructed settlement security officers to bar entry to Palestinian workers.

Some 30 suspected Hamas activists have been arrested in the West Bank since last Friday's suicide bombing in Tel Aviv. Some

are said to be connected to that bombing, others are linked to other terrorist acts. A number of the arrests this week were carried out by the Duvdevan undercover unit in areas under Palestinian civilian control and in coordination with the Palestinian Police.

The village of Tsurif, home of Moussa Ranimat, who committed last Friday's attack, is still under curfew.

Meanwhile, clashes were reported yesterday between Arab demonstrators and IDF forces, including near Tekoa, Beit El, and Ateret. Soldiers dispersed the protesters with tear gas and rubber bullets.

Elli Wohlgeleuter contributed to this report.

### US envoy meets PM in effort to save process

By **MICHAEL YUDELMAN** and news agencies

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was expected to tell special US envoy Dennis Ross last night that Israel will not carry on with the peace process unless there is a complete cessation of terrorism.

Ross arrived yesterday on an emergency mission to save the peace process, which is perceived by both the US and Israel as being on the verge of breaking down. He

has to put up a "red light" against violence. She said in an interview that he must give a 100% effort to end violence.

Ross brought Netanyahu a letter from President Bill Clinton, who is deeply concerned for the fate of the peace process and over the potential of violence on Sunday, Land Day. Ross is due to return to Washington today to update Clinton.

Netanyahu reportedly was to tell Ross that Israel will not agree to make any concessions to the Palestinians and will not allow them to gain any political profit from terrorism. He was said determined not to succumb to US attempts to obtain political commitments from Israel or to negotiate on future construction in Jerusalem or on the future pullbacks.

He was also to say that Israel will not agree to discuss future pullbacks with the Palestinians, and will continue to make unilateral decisions, a stance the US supported in a letter written by then secretary of state Warren Christopher after the signing of the Hebron agreement.

Foreign Minister David Levy said that unless Arafat stops all terrorism, all incitement to terrorism, and all attempts to isolate Israel, "there will be no peace." At a meeting with European Union envoy Miguel Moratinos, Levy warned that the resolutions to be adopted at Jerusalem Committee meeting may destroy

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was closeted with Netanyahu, in the latter's home, at press time.

On his way here, Ross met Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in Rabat, Morocco, where he is attending a meeting of the Islamic world's Jerusalem Committee, to hear his position on the crisis, and to discuss ways of resolving it.

Neither issued a statement after the approximately two-hour meeting.

"The goal of my mission is to take account of the situation in the Middle East for the president and the secretary of state and to give them a report at the end of this week," Ross said, before leaving Rabat.

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said yesterday that Arafat

### Shoul Eisenberg dies in China

By **Jerusalem Post Staff**

Shoul Eisenberg, chairman of the Israel Corporation and one of the country's most influential industrialists, died yesterday in Beijing, apparently of a heart attack.

Eisenberg, 76, was also president of the Eisenberg Group of Companies.

After fleeing Germany in 1938, he eventually settled in Japan, where he founded companies that after World War II supplied raw materials to Japanese steel industries.

He expanded his operations to include a wide range of industrial concerns in Asia, South America, Europe, and Israel, moving here with his family in the 1960s.

He took a particularly active role in trading and investing in China, and was widely regarded for many

years as an intermediary between the communist regime and Israel. He played a pivotal role in facilitating a breakthrough in Israel-China relations, culminating in full diplomatic ties.

Eisenberg's interests in Israel were centered on Israel Corporation, which controls Israel Chemicals, the country's largest industrial concern; the Zim Israel Navigation shipping line; Shikun Ufuta, one of the country's largest construction firms, and Oil Refineries Ltd.

He has been awarded the Jerusalem 3000 Award, Legion of Honour, Austrian Merit Decoration and a Highest Merit Merit Decoration.

He is survived by his widow, Lea, five daughters, and a son, Erwin, who in recent years has assumed key roles in a number of Eisenberg's companies.

### in: Yitzhak as successor

likely saw Labor Party leader as successor, Leah Rabin said. The other leadership candidates insisted their late husband's for any reason he had been named I have seen Barak as his only promising person, and now that it will lead Labor to victory, I would do all she can in leadership race.

### ate failure

Environment Minister Barak... (text continues)

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## Mystery surrounds computer-cult mass suicide

By **DEBORAH HASTINGS**

RANCHO SANTA FE, California (AP) — Thirty-nine members of a computer cult committed suicide in a million-dollar California mansion, perhaps timing their destruction to the approach of the Hale-Bopp comet, authorities and an associate said yesterday.

Sheriff's deputies who went to the Spanish-style mansion on an anonymous tip found the victims of one of the biggest mass suicides in US history. Other than the bodies, they found little but mystery.

"There's no gunshot wounds, there's no knife holes in anybody,"

said San Diego County Sheriff's Cmdr. Alan Fulmer. "Nothing to my knowledge has been found in the way of poison."

The bodies were still in the house yesterday as investigators searched the house and refrigerated vans from the coroner's office

### More cult suicides expected, Page 8

stood by. One van pulled away around dawn. Authorities wouldn't say if any bodies were in the van.

The house, stocked with bulk food and computers used to create Internet sites, was the center of a company designing Web pages for businesses that want a presence on the Internet. Customers of the company,

called Higher Source, described the house's occupants as cultlike and businesslike.

Members of the cult told their landlord that they were sent to Earth as angels, Milt Silverman, lawyer for landlord Sam Koutchesfahani, told San Diego radio station KFMB. Members also told him that the group had branches in other states.

Fulmer said at first that all 39 victims were male, between 18 and 24. He later said some were women and some were older, but was unable to provide further details.

Beverly Hills businessman Nick Matzorkis, who employs a former member of the Higher Source group, said yesterday that members sent the employee, identified as Rio, two videotapes about committing suicide. He told NBC television that it was his understanding that they took sleeping pills and died Monday.

They believed it was time to "shed their containers," perhaps to rendezvous with a UFO they believed was traveling behind the Hale-Bopp comet, Matzorkis said.

One video was of the group's elderly male leader, the other contained each member's taped

### 'Post Internet Edition' grabs second in int'l competition

By **ILAN CHAM**

The Jerusalem Post Internet Edition has won second place for advertising in the second annual worldwide Best Newspaper Online Service Awards. It was announced at the Interactive Newspapers conference in Houston, Texas.

In announcing the citation in the category of "Best Use of Advertising by an Online Newspaper Service," D. Colin Phillips, copublisher of Editor & Publisher Magazine, noted that Web sites originating in 26 countries and published in nine differ-

ent languages were evaluated by a panel of 21 international authorities in journalism and interactive communications.

"The award truly recognizes

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world-class achievement," Phillips said in notifying Post electronic publishing director Nina Keren-David of the prize.

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# Palestinian Council calls to suspend talks

By JON IMMANUEL

Two days of debate in the Palestinian Legislative Council ended with a call to suspend talks with Israel, and ambiguous calls for violent resistance to its policies. The council called on the Palestinian Authority to suspend negotiations until Israel stops building settlements, reject the six-month final status plan which will leave the PA with no term of reference in peace talks, and reject US vetoes in the UN and call on it to be an honest mediator. The call paralleled one by Fatah earlier this week, but did not specifically call for demonstrations against Har Homa. It did praise "the martyrs of resistance to settlements." The council is largely composed of Fatah supporters. In Rabat, Morocco, PA Chairman Yasser Arafat spoke to reporters of "the crime of the Israelis against Jerusalem, Judaizing Jerusalem. Building settlements inside and outside Jerusalem is a real crime." The opposition and the PA's supporters were converging in their calls for resistance, and the thin

line which separates peaceful from violent resistance was being breached in several places. The difference between Har Homa and the expansion of existing settlements, all of which the Palestinians consider illegal, was also eradicated. "The suspension of talks is basic until all settlement expansion is halted," said council member Hisham Abdel-Razek. Council member Marwan Barghouti, Fatah chief in the West Bank, yesterday denied a radio report, which quoted a Palestinian newspaper, that he had praised last week's Tel Aviv suicide bomber, saying he was firmly opposed to violence, especially inside the Green Line. "I was one of the first to condemn acts of terror," he said, adding that he had said: "We should identify with the village of Tsurif," from which the killer came, "but distinguish between the village under curfew and the suicide attacker." His version was separately supported by a US observer at Wednesday's proceedings. However Husam Khader, another

Fatah activist, thought he heard him say "the council should salute the hero. I was surprised by Marwan, because we consider him a powerful supporter of dialogue." Meretz leader Yossi Sarid issued a statement strenuously attacking Barghouti's words. He said, Kim reported, that they "cast a heavy shadow over the Palestinian Legislative Council, and remove it from the list of enlightened parliaments." Meanwhile, opposition groups readying for Friday prayers and Land Day on Sunday held a joint press conference with Fatah in Gaza in which Hamas did not rule out violence and Fatah warned of disaster. Hamas spokesman Dr. Mahmoud Zahar called for a "new intifada" and noted "all options are open." Ahmed Heless, Fatah representative, did not propose violence, but warned that "the Israeli prime minister's policies will bring disaster and war to the peoples of the area." About 30% of Fatah supporters voted for an intifada in a Beit Sahur meeting of all West Bank regional representatives earlier this week. A



A Palestinian boy prepares to throw a rock during disturbances near the IDF checkpoint in Ramallah yesterday. One soldier was injured when his vehicle was stoned. There were also clashes on the road to Bir Zeit. Ten Palestinians were lightly wounded. In Kalandiya refugee camp, youths briefly threw stones at cars on the main Jerusalem-Ramallah road. Bethlehem and Hebron were reported quiet.

majority of nearly 70% supported peaceful but forceful protests, though the difference is semantic given the difficulty of direct encounters with soldiers in major towns, and the call for boycotting Israeli goods, a major aspect of the first intifada." (Text: Jon Immanuel; Photo: Brian McBurney)

# Katsav asks Arabs to keep Land Day peaceful

By DAVID RUDGE

Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav yesterday called on Israeli Arab leaders to do their utmost to ensure that activities planned for Land Day on Sunday pass quietly. The call to Ibrahim Nimr Hussein, chairman of the forum of Arab Council Heads, came amid concern that the recent violence in the territories might spill across the Green Line during the general strike declared by the Arab leadership to mark Land Day. "They have the right to demonstrate, protest, hold parades and rallies, but not disturbances or riots - not under any circumstances or under any conditions," Katsav told Israel Radio. Katsav said he had spoken with Nimr Hussein and had been assured that there would be no breach of the peace during the Land Day activities. "I am convinced that responsible leaders will not lend a hand to any deterioration in relations between Jews and Arabs. We have lived with one another for 49 years and we will continue to live with one another for hundreds of years to come," said Katsav, who is

also the minister responsible for Arab affairs. "If, however, someone does not respect this and tries to use different means, to attain political or individual aims, which cause an escalation in the situation, we will not be able to let this pass. We have to ensure law and order under all circumstances," he said. "Police and the IDF are on high alert to prevent violent clashes and rioting. But police district chiefs and local council heads have also been talking to Israeli Arab leaders, asking them to help keep the peace. On Wednesday, for example, Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo met with Arab leaders in Jaffa to discuss residents' problems. Although Jaffa Arabs live with their Jewish neighbors in relative harmony, they tend to vent their frustrations on other social issues during processions and demonstrations. Jaffa residents intend to demonstrate on Sunday against a building project in the neighborhood. Arab leaders reiterated yesterday that there was no intention to cause any disturbances on Land Day and that leaflets had been distributed throughout the community calling for restraint. Nevertheless, there was criticism over what

they described as a government-sponsored campaign of incitement against the Arab sector. "This campaign of incitement against the Israeli Arab community is dangerous and irresponsible because it gives the green light to the security forces to create provocation on Land Day," said Mohammed Baraki, secretary-general of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality (Hadash). According to Arab leaders, allegations against the Arab sector include reports that Land Day activities were being coordinated with the Palestinians. Similar comments were made by Hussein Suleiman, spokesman for the Forum of Arab Council Heads, who said he hoped police and security forces would not stage a show of force in Arab towns and villages on Land Day. "The presence of large forces of police would be like a provocation and would only serve to heat up a situation which we are trying to keep under control by urging people to act with responsibility and within the law," said Suleiman. Raine Marcus contributed to this report.



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# Dagan: US must push PA harder

By STEVE RODAN

Israel might increase pressure on the Palestinian Authority until it has no choice but to cooperate in the fight against Islamic terrorism, Maj.-Gen. (res.) Meir Dagan, the prime minister's adviser on counterterrorism, indicated yesterday.

Speaking at a conference sponsored by the International Policy Institute for Counterterrorism in Herzliya, Dagan said, "Only heavy pressure from Israel and the international community on the PA—and when I say international pressure, I mean from the US and prevention of diplomatic PA achievements and maybe even threats against its survival will influence [Yasser] Arafat and the PA to constantly fight Islamic terrorism."

Dagan said such a campaign by Arafat must include the elimination of the Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorist infrastructure, an end to hostile propaganda, and a collection of unauthorized weapons. He said the PA must also extradite suspected terrorists to

Israel.

The conference ended with a call by several former heads of Western intelligence agencies for an international effort against terrorism that would increase cooperation and stop funding of terrorist groups. The signatories included former CIA director James Woolsey, former Mossad chief Shabtai Shavit, and former US assistant secretary of state Edward Djerejian.

Officials said any new Israeli counterterrorism policy will be determined by the visit of US peace process coordinator Dennis Ross and what happens on Land Day on Sunday. They said their concern includes scenarios of massive unrest, orchestrated by the PA, in which thousands of Palestinian rioters will seek to overrun IDF outposts and enter Jerusalem.

"The situation is very fluid," said Gideon Ezra, deputy chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. "We are working from day to day."

## IDF evacuates Joseph's Tomb, closes roads

By MARGOT DUKKEVITCH

As Land Day draws closer and amid fear of an escalation in violence, the IDF once again ordered worshippers and Oti Yosef Hai yeshiva students at Joseph's Tomb to leave the area.

According to Yehuda Liebman, director of the Nablus Command organization, yesterday morning the IDF informed them to evacuate the compound.

"Every time the Palestinians threaten violence, the IDF evacuates us," he said.

Liebman added that the yeshiva students were told they would be unable to return to the compound until Monday.

The IDF confirmed the closure of Joseph's Tomb to worshippers but refused to comment on the length of time it would remain closed.

The IDF yesterday morning closed a portion of the Dolev-Beit El road and advised residents to use an alternative route due to the tense situation.

In Judea and Samaria yesterday there were reports of an increase in incidents of stones being thrown at passing cars.

According to Arutz 7, stones were thrown in the areas of Harbea (near Matiyahu and Modi'in), Ein Yabrud (near Ofrah) and Hizme (between Pisgat Ze'ev and the Ramallah bypass road). Radio reports also said that the route to Tekoa was closed and residents were forced to detour through another road, where stones were thrown at them.

Last night Magen David Adom treated a settler from Efrat who was lightly injured by stones thrown at his car.



OJ trial judge visits Jerusalem

Judge Ito Kato, who presided over the O.J. Simpson trial, passes a beggar on the Via Dolorosa while touring Jerusalem yesterday.

(Brian Henders)

## NEWS

in brief

### Bomber's family appeals home demolition

The High Court of Justice will convene in urgent session on Sunday to hear a petition from the family of Mussa Ranimat, the Tel Aviv suicide bomber, against the decision to raze their house in Kasr Tsurif. Justice Eliezer Goldberg, who was on duty, issued an interim injunction against the destruction of the house. *Batsheva Tsur*

### 971 Palestinians found here illegally

Since the closure was imposed on the territories after last Friday's suicide bombing, 971 Palestinians have been discovered inside the Green Line illegally. The police have checked some 5,500 sites. Police have opened criminal cases against 51 Palestinians caught here illegally more than three times. Cases also have been opened against eight Israelis who illegally hired Palestinians. *Itim*

### One killed in motorcycle accident

Maxim Schneiderman, 18, of Netivot, died last night when the motorcycle he and his friend Ronen Lagot were riding on overturned near Kibbutz Ruhama. Lagot, 22, who had gotten his motorcycle license only two weeks ago, was moderately injured.

Three brothers from Safed travelling through Netanya were injured—including a three-year-old who was seriously injured—when the driver lost control and slammed into a utility pole yesterday afternoon.

Nine people were lightly injured yesterday morning when two cars collided near Ramat Yishai. Five others were injured in a head-on collision between two cars near Ma'aleh Gilboa.

In Bat Yam, a 77-year-old man was hit by a motorcycle while crossing the street. He is in serious condition at Holon's Wolfson Hospital. *Itim*

### Spy Herzl Rad to be released today

Herzl Rad, who was sentenced two years ago to three years' imprisonment for contacting a foreign agent, is to be released today from Ma'asiyahu Prison, after serving two-thirds of his sentence. In 1995, Rad, a Jerusalem resident, offered his services to officials at the Iranian Embassy in Istanbul. He was taken to Iran, signed up, given a contact person and promised \$10,000 if he successfully performed his assignments, including getting information from army bases.

Upon returning to Israel, Rad went to the security services and told them the story. He was arrested and charged with spying and assisting an enemy in time of war—charges which carry a sentence of death or of life in prison—but under a plea bargain the charge was reduced to contact with a foreign agent. *Itim*

## Caves discovered at Har Homa

By ELLI WOHLGELERWTER

The discovery Wednesday of three caves on Har Homa added a new twist to the problematic project, and fueled speculation about the possibility of Palestinians and haredim demonstrating together to stop construction at the site.

Early reports said the finds included bones, and even a possible graveyard, but that was denied yesterday

by both the Antiquities Authority and the Housing Ministry.

"We don't know yet whether there are graves or not," said Moshe Eilat, a spokesman for the Housing Ministry. "Even if we know, there are solutions to it. We have to check it, and this will take a few days, but this is not going to stop us from what we have to do."

Eilat said he did not foresee the curious combination of religious

Jews joining militant Arabs in protest.

"Haredim are not going to protest because we are going to do whatever has to be done according to Halacha," he said.

Osnat Goaz, spokeswoman for the Antiquities Authority, said that although the reports of bones being found are not true, "we do think that we will find some in the future, because it's an archeological site, and we know from the past that when we do excavations in places like that, normally we find bones."

Goaz said the site around the

whole area of Har Homa was agricultural land during the Second Temple period. Later it was the site of Byzantine Christian monastic activity, when it was known as St. Paul's Hill.

A member of the Kibbutz Hama haredi group that seeks to preserve ancient burial sites, said that even if burial caves were found at the site, arrangements could be made to allow further construction without disturbing the bones.

"A year ago a survey was done but nothing clear was discovered," said David Schmidt of Atra Kadisha.

"Checks will be made but there are always ways to get around the issue." The discovery of bones at other construction sites have sometimes led to large demonstrations by haredim.

He said other arrangements are possible if and when they find bones: "There are solutions how to do it—you have to build above it, a little bit around it—there are solutions," he said.

Goaz said that "if it's a big find, we ask [the builders] to change their plans, or leave it open as an archeological site."

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# Hizbullah leader: Peace inevitable

By DAVID RUDGE

Hizbullah spiritual leader Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah has declared that an Arab-Israeli peace settlement is inevitable.

Fadlallah, while maintaining his opposition to any such accord, nevertheless made it clear that he believes some sort of comprehensive peace agreement will ultimately be achieved.

The leading Moslem Shi'ite cleric was quoted in the English-language Beirut newspaper the Daily Star yesterday as saying that the Middle East is "likely to remain in a state of no war and no peace for some time."

"But a settlement between the Arabs and the Israelis is inevitable, irrespective of how long it takes to conclude," Fadlallah said.

He maintained that no matter how difficult the issues appear now, a compromise would be reached in due time.

Fadlallah, in an interview on the eve of the return to the region of US Middle East envoy Dennis Ross, ruled out the possibility of

a major military conflagration in south Lebanon.

He maintained that the US would not give Israel the "green light" for such action because "any such aggression would produce the same results as in Grapes of Wrath when phenomenal feelings of anger surfaced in the Arab world and not only in Lebanon."

Meanwhile, scores of dignitaries from the security zone, as well as senior South Lebanese Army officers, were hosted in Tiberias on Wednesday.

The meeting also was attended by SLA commander Gen. Antoine Lahad, government coordinator on Lebanon Uri Lubrani and senior IDF officers, including Col. Shaul Kamisa, head of the civil aid program to Lebanon.

Kamisa said the civil aid budget, which last year was just over \$7 million, would be increased to around \$7.4m. this year. Most of the money is to be spent on welfare projects and aid to families of bereaved SLA soldiers and officers and those wounded.

## Nahal leaves Lebanon

Soldiers from the Nahal brigade have pulled out of Lebanon in the past few days, after completing their stint of duty there despite the heavy losses the brigade suffered in the helicopter disaster over Moshav She'ar Yashuv and in fighting in the security zone.

Regional Brigade commander Col. Coby told reporters in the north on Wednesday, after the troops returned to the border from positions inside the zone, that their determination in the face of the losses was praiseworthy.

He stressed that the motivation of the soldiers, who enjoyed a brief respite before preparing for a training exercise, was extremely high. DR



Up, up, and away

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai gets ready for take-off in the back seat of an F-15 yesterday. It was his first flight in a fighter and he spent 40 minutes in a flight that took him over Jerusalem, the Jordan Valley, and along the Lebanese border. He was piloted by the F-15 squadron commander. A second F-15 was piloted by OC Air Force Eitan Ben-Eliahu, who had Mordechai's military aide, Brig.-Gen. Ya'acov Amidror, in his back seat. (Text: Ariel O'Sullivan; Photo: Ariel Hemoni/Defense Ministry)

## Report: Hizbullah deploying deadly 'tank snipers'

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON - Hizbullah has started deploying three-man squads of "tank snipers" equipped with anti-tank guided missiles in South Lebanon, according to the London-based weekly newsletter Foreign Report.

In what is claimed to be an "exclusive," the newsletter said the units are equipped with AT-4 Spigot missiles, which have an "extremely

high" hit rate of 80 percent and have inflicted casualties every time they have been used against Israeli targets.

It quotes Western intelligence sources in Lebanon as saying the Hizbullah units "make excellent use of the AT-4s improved guidance systems and higher speed."

The latest operation, according to the newsletter, occurred last week when a well-trained, highly mobile "tank sniper" unit, based

on reliable intelligence, fired two missiles at an Israeli convoy traveling to a base near Beaufort Castle.

The missiles were fired from a distance of 1.6 kilometers and one struck a lorry, killing one IDF soldier and wounding three others.

Despite swift artillery, tank and helicopter reactions from Israel, the attackers were said to have escaped under a cover of mortar and machine-gun fire from a Hizbullah support team.

## SPNI to expand activities for Arabs

By DAVID RUDGE

The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI) intends to expand its activities in the Arab sector because of growing interest in environmental issues among Arab youth.

SPNI executive director Eitan Gidalizon said the society has opened branch offices in Sakhin and Nazareth in the Galilee, and near Taaba in the Triangle, and intends to open more.

"The existing offices are very active, organizing training courses for guides, and hikes and study sessions for youth groups," said Gidalizon.

The growing interest in nature, conservation, and environmental issues was underlined by the number of participants in the annual meeting yesterday of the SPNI's Israeli Arab department, which is headed by Mahmoud Jezawi.

More than 12,000 schoolchildren took part in the event, organized in conjunction with the Education Ministry. It included hikes over parts of Mt. Carmel, followed by a meeting at Ramat Hanadiv near Zichron Ya'acov.

A number of foreign ambassadors also participated in the meeting, where plans were discussed for expanding joint nature projects with the Palestinian Authority.

"If we are searching for a common denominator in our region in these days of tension, I think we can find it in understanding and learning more about nature, as well as the need to protect the environment for the benefit of future generations," said Gidalizon.

## Jordanian gunman says girls mocked him

AMMAN (Reuters) - The Jordanian soldier who gunned down seven schoolgirls at Naharayim two weeks ago harbored deep anti-Israel feelings but opened fire "on the spur of the moment" because the girls mocked him while he prayed, his lawyer said yesterday.

"I heard laughter and jeers and girls mocking me when I ended my prayers...I was outraged by one girl taking pictures and other girls laughing at me," Jordanian Sergeant Ahmad Dakamsa was quoted by lawyer Ahmad Najdawi as saying.

Najdawi is the first lawyer allowed to see Dakamsa since he emptied the clip of his rifle at the girls, who were on a school trip.

Dakamsa told Najdawi that he acted impulsively.

"It appears that the soldier's motives were patriotic and he acted out of a rage on the spur of the moment," said Najdawi, a prominent lawyer who often defends political activists.

"The man could not control his nerve and took hold of his rifle and started shooting, motivated by all the frustrations and injustice felt by an

Arah against Israeli arrogance," Najdawi said. "I cannot say he is a hero, but he is a nationalist who acted out of nationalist motives and frustration at what the Arabs are suffering."

Many Jordanians, reflecting hardened anti-Israeli views, say Dakamsa is a hero motivated by a deep sense of outrage over Israeli violence against Palestinians.

Lawyers have come to his defense, demanding he be treated with the same leniency they say Israel has shown to perpetrators of violence against Arabs.

Najdawi said he found Dakamsa "normal, with no signs of being beaten" by his interrogators.

He described him as a simple "unpolitical peasant" who "watched television screens and was filled with a sense of humiliation and helplessness by the treatment of Arabs by Israelis."

Asked about reports that Dakamsa was mentally unstable, Najdawi said he saw no proof of any abnormal behavior but that he might request the soldier be referred for medical examination when his trial begins.

## Labor panel does not rule out 'limited' Palestinian state

By SARAH HONIG

The Labor Party's next platform may recognize the right of the Palestinians to self-determination and perhaps to limited statehood.

A resolution to this effect will be submitted for the approval of Labor's convention in May, after it was adopted by the party's political committee yesterday.

The resolution says that "the Labor Party recognizes the Palestinians' right to self-determination and it does not rule out a Palestinian state with reduced sovereignty."

Previous Labor platforms always strenuously opposed the establishment of a Palestinian state. Before the last election, however, this opposition was dropped, though not replaced with support for such a state.

The resolution says Jerusalem should "remain united under Israeli sovereignty, but with municipal autonomy for its Arab residents."

The resolution's adoption marks a defeat for would-be party leader Ehud Barak, who opposed them strenuously and even came out against putting the subject on the convention's agenda.

"I don't think the Labor Party ought to deliberate the issue. It's none of our business," Barak said.

"It's big time Labor ceased taking up such issues with so much misguided passion. It is not up to us to determine what the other side should want... Our responsibility is to look after the interests of the State of Israel."

"Whether they will have a state is up to them. It is not inconceivable that, as a result of the Oslo process, a Palestinian state will come into being, though perhaps it will be limited somewhat in certain aspects of sovereignty."

Barak stressed that he would "prefer the option on a confederation between the Palestinians and Jordan, which would be best for all, but I do not delude myself that we will decide this."

The political committee is headed by another contender for party leadership, MK Shlomo Ben-Ami, who drafted the resolution. He explained that such a state "would be demilitarized and its authority would not be full."

MK Yossi Beilin, also in the running, applauded the fact that "at last the great deception in Labor regarding a Palestinian state is over. Anyone who tries to escape its inevitability will lose his credibility. At the convention no one will be able to escape this issue and it will become the central focus of debate."

However, secretary-general Nissim Zvillit said that "this foolish resolution

will not pass the convention. If it does, it will have a very detrimental effect on Labor's chances to win back the public's confidence and regain support."

The Likud expressed "sorrow at the fact that Labor is so concerned about the Palestinians, instead of working to achieve a broad national consensus in Israel."

The NRP reacted by saying that "at this rate, it won't be very long before Labor advocates the redivision of Jerusalem." Meretz leader Yossi Sarid, however, mocked Labor for being "20 years behind the times."

"This party has an astounding knack for regarding history's rear end, instead of meeting it face-to-face," he said.

Another Labor committee preparing for the convention recommended yesterday that the party move to rescind the direct election of the prime minister. The resolution called on the party to seek to reinstate the previous system, in which the president entrusts one of the elected MKs with putting together a coalition. The only change would be that the president must appoint only the leader of the largest faction, and not the one who might head the largest bloc.

This represents a victory for party chairman Shimon Peres, who had battled against the direct election system.

## IDF demands professor retract 'ass' remark

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The IDF has demanded that Prof. Ariel Merari of Tel Aviv University apologize for comparing IDF officers to asses tied to a tree.

Last week, Merari allegedly told students in his course on terror and political violence: "Take an ass, tie it to a tree, and after five years, you've got a major."

Merari then joked he hoped there were no members of the media present. But his quip, made as the class discussed criticism of military officers, was reported this week in Ma'ariv.

IDF Spokesman Brig.-Gen. Oded Ben-Ami, in a statement to the press, sharply protested the comment.

"There is no room for this strange humor as expressed by the professor. It was an unfair blow to IDF officers, and the IDF demands Merari apologize," the statement said.

Merari did not return telephone calls and has not publicly reacted to the IDF's demand.



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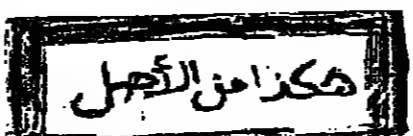
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# Schizophrenic Jaffa man murders wife

By RAINÉ MARCUS

A schizophrenic Jaffa man stabbed his 35-year-old wife to death in the early hours of yesterday morning, while the couple's two children watched.

The man, who has been hospitalized several times in Bat Yam's Abarbanel Mental Health Center and diagnosed as a schizophrenic, is taking drugs prescribed by a psychiatrist for his condition and has reportedly had violent outbursts in the past. However, social services sources are now accusing the Health Ministry's mental health division of failing to report the man's condition and thus possibly preventing the murder.

The tragic incident occurred at around 3 a.m. yesterday at the Jaffa home of Yusuf and Salima Johar. Yusuf Johar, 37, accused his wife of cheating on him and of

being a prostitute and stabbed her eight times with a kitchen knife, in front of the couple's two children, aged 11 and 13.

He then phoned police, saying, "I killed her, the whore." A Magen David Adom physician pronounced Salima Johar dead and Yusuf Johar was arrested. He will appear in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court this morning, and may be sent for psychiatric observations because of his history of mental illness.

The couple's children are being taken care of by Jaffa social services and relatives until their future is decided.

Social services sources slammed the mental health division yesterday, saying that if they would have known of Yusuf Johar's condition they would have intervened.

Neighbors of the couple described the Johars as "quiet" and said they had neither witnessed nor heard violent acts in the past.

# Laufer accused of tax evasion

By RAINÉ MARCUS

Private investigator Ze'ev Laufer, currently on trial in the media wiretapping case, and who was paid \$600,000 by Ma'ariv to give evidence against Yediot Aharanot, was arrested for alleged tax evasion yesterday.

Laufer, who is charged with 18 counts of wiretapping, allegedly on behalf of Yediot Aharanot, was summoned by Customs and VAT Authorities yesterday morning. He was released on NIS 300,000 bail by a Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court judge later in the day.

Laufer made headlines when it was disclosed that Ma'ariv, after receiving the necessary authorization from police and the District Attorney, paid Laufer \$600,000

net from company funds in return for his testimony against Yediot publisher Amon Mozes and the daily's security officer, Haim Rozenberg. According to the agreement between Ma'ariv and Laufer, the former would pay all taxes and VAT on the sum.

But now, Customs and VAT Authorities are accusing Laufer of failing to pay taxes on what they allege are payments amounting to nearly NIS 4 million gross by Ma'ariv and over NIS 1m. by Yediot (the latter for alleged wiretapping services).

Laufer in turn claims that both dailies paid or were supposed to pay VAT on sums he received for various services.

Judge Ruth Ronen also prohibited Laufer from leaving the country.



Sue Fishkoff

## 'Post' writer wins award

Jerusalem Post Staff

Jerusalem Post feature writer Sue Fishkoff has won the 1996 B'nai B'rith World Center Award for Journalism for a two-part feature article on Ethiopia: Jewry that appeared in the Jerusalem Post Magazine last May. B'nai B'rith announced yesterday.

Fishkoff wrote about her trip to Ethiopia with a group of teenagers who were visiting their native villages for the first time since immigrating to Israel as children.

Freddie Zarin received an honorable mention for her weekly radio program, *In the Diaspora*, on Reka, Israel Radio's immigrant station.

The B'nai B'rith World Center established the award, in memory of Wolf and Hilda Matzoff, in 1991 to encourage Israeli journalists to report more extensively on the Diaspora and thus increase public awareness about World Jewry. The \$1,000 award is given for the print or electronic piece which the jury feels best contributes to the Israeli public's knowledge of the Diaspora.

Fishkoff has decided to donate the prize money to the Joint Distribution Committee's medical clinic in Addis Ababa.

This year's jury included Chicago Sun Times' Middle East bureau chief Jay Bushinsky, Dan Panitz, and Ariel editor Asher Weill.

## AACI to put job listings on Internet

By JUDY SEGEL

A national job database for new immigrants and veteran Israelis will be launched by mid-May by the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel. Called AACI Israel Jobnet, it will be put on the Internet before Independence Day.

The system, being developed by Ventura Communications and IBM Israel, will link AACI offices with the Internet. The system, which will cost \$250,000 in its first year, will enable potential immigrants around the world, new immigrants and long-time Israelis to review jobs available here.

Yossi van Zwaren, of the Ministry of Science, views Jobnet as a "strategic project to advance Internet use in Israel."

It was only one of seven Internet projects chosen from among 40 proposals to receive matching funds from the ministry. Money was also donated by the Samis Foundation of Seattle, Washington, which aims at encouraging aliyah and expediting absorption.

The database "is a natural extension of the internal job database that AACI counselors have been using for years to help olim," said organization national president Helaine Gerber.



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Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo takes part in a 'Hartzufim' skit filmed in a Tel Aviv cafe yesterday. (Gideon Markowicz)

## Purim drinking-related injuries on the rise

By JUDY SEGEL

Treating inebriated yeshiva students has become the main chore of Magen David Adom medics and Tereim (Emergency Medical Care) clinic at the capital's MDA station, said that numerous yeshiva students in their late teens and early 20s were brought in on Monday night. Most drunkards are taken care of by families or friends at home or school, but these had fallen down and suffered cuts or bruises or were vomiting violently, unused to drinking to excess.

"I have no statistics, but the phenomenon seems to be growing. At

the same time, the number of cases of injuries due to children's costumes being set afire or from cap guns and explosives was negligible this year, apparently due to warnings about these in the media," he said.

Appelbaum said that the drunk yeshiva students, all of whom were brought in by friends and relatives, needed stitches for injuries, and some were given infusions to dilute the concentration of alcohol in their blood.

"When I attended yeshiva in Chicago," said Appelbaum, who is Orthodox, "we understood the

mitzva of drinking on Purim as taking in enough to put you to sleep, when you can't distinguish between Mordechai and Haman. But these young men are going too far and out of control. There should be more supervision and advance warnings by their rabbis."

MDA Jerusalem director Abraham Halbersberg said his staff had to pick up a number of drunk yeshiva students who fell in the street or who felt unwell in their yeshivot. He said he was not aware of road accidents caused by drunk yeshiva students, but "it's the job of the police to investigate such cases if someone is hurt in an accident, because they have the equipment to test alcohol levels in the blood. We can smell alcohol, but the patient can always claim it spilled on him."

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# NEWS in brief

**High Court refuses to halt Bar-On probe**

The High Court of Justice yesterday rejected a petition from lawyers Shmuel Mintzer and Karmon Mintzer-Dolfin requesting that the police investigation into the Bar-On Affair be stopped and ordered the two to pay court costs of NIS 9,000. The two had argued that the entire affair could not be investigated because the people involved have immunity.

"The two petitioners ignored one of the basic rules ... with regard to [appealing to] the judiciary - taking up the matter with all concerned in the relevant authority," the court ruled, after hearing that they had not turned to the state attorney or the attorney-general before they petitioned the court. *Batsheva Tsor*

**Arbel opposes postponing Deri trial**

The State Attorney Edna Arbel's office is opposed to a request from MK Aryeh Deri (Shas) that his trial be postponed by 45 days. Deri claimed that his trial had been affected, inter alia, by his lawyer Dan Avi-Yitzhak's resignation and developments in the Bar-On investigation. He said that it was also necessary to call witnesses from abroad. The State Attorney's Office argued that Deri's lawyers have had sufficient time to get their material organized. *Batsheva Tsor*

**Hospital workers declare work dispute**

The union of government hospital administrative and maintenance personnel yesterday declared a work dispute over the shortage of 1,500 job slots around the country. The labor unrest follows the resolution of a dispute over salary grades by their counterparts in Kupat Holim Clalit hospitals. Union head Batya Levy told Health Minister Yehoshua Matza that unless their demands are met within two weeks, they will apply sanctions and strike. The shortage of working bands intensifies the problem of working in overcrowded hospital departments, she said. *Judy Siegel*

**New Jewish university opening in Moscow**

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer this week reached agreement with the Russian education minister on the establishment of a new Jewish university in Moscow, the Education Ministry spokesman announced. Hammer is in Moscow for a convention of the Jewish communities there.

Hammer also reached a series of agreements with the Russian culture minister, including joint celebration of Israel's 50th anniversary and 850 years since the founding of Moscow, and a special exhibition in Moscow by the Israel Museum. The Russian culture minister also accepted Hammer's invitation to visit Israel. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

**Schools to study together via the Internet**

Israeli and Diaspora youngsters will study together via the Internet in a new program announced this week by Education Minister Zevulun Hammer. Hundreds of schools from Jewish communities abroad and throughout Israel will participate in the project. The pupils will study together topics such as the 100th anniversary of the first Zionist Congress, and preparations for Israel's 50th anniversary. The pupils will ultimately get a chance to meet in person during the summer. The pupils are studying together through a "twin schools" set-up that allows for contact both via electronic mail and video-conferencing. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

**Doctor back after being held in Morocco**

Prof. Daniel Weinstein, head of the obstetrics unit at Hadassah-University Hospital, was due to return from Morocco yesterday, after being refused permission to leave there for eight days because of a dispute about unpaid convention bills.

Weinstein had organized an international convention in Marrakesh that was attended by 1,000 people from 78 countries, including 120 from Israel.

The dispute arose when the hotel claimed some \$100,000 in unpaid bills from the Moroccan organizers, who then turned to Weinstein and demanded he pay the bill. Weinstein refused, insisting that all the doctors had paid in full when they registered for the convention. The organizers filed a police complaint and got an order preventing him from leaving Morocco.

During a court hearing, however, the missing money was "discovered," the complaint was canceled, and Weinstein was allowed to return home. *Itim*

**Harel slams British deputy FM**

Third Way Knesset faction chairman Yehuda Harel, in a letter sent yesterday to British Ambassador David Manning, slammed Britain's deputy foreign minister for saying that Israeli products produced in Jerusalem should be boycotted. He said such a move could result in a counter-boycott of British goods by both Israelis and world Jewry. Harel also called on Foreign Minister David Levy to send a strong protest to the British government, and said he would raise the matter in the Knesset. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

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# Arafat's 'Jerusalem now'

**U**S Secretary of State Albright, talking privately with members of Congress, reportedly said that faced with the current crisis with the Palestinians, Binyamin Netanyahu should set up a national unity government. Very likely someone passed Albright's view onto Jerusalem.

Netanyahu appeared in no hurry to act on this advice, but the administration unwittingly helped create national unity elsewhere — in the Palestinian camp.

Yasser Arafat's reception in the White House and his meetings in the State Department earlier this month led him to believe he could risk uniting the Palestinian rank and file with Oslo's Islamic opponents, who are for continuing the "armed struggle." And he received the impression that he no longer needed Israel's recommendation to get US aid.

Arafat sensed he had the administration's respect, and saw it as even willing to sanction "unusual" measures aimed at allowing the Gazan in the street to let off steam. The US assumed, wrongly, that Palestinian anger could be vented via protest, obviating terror. Hence its raising no objection to Arafat's international conference in Gaza.

However, Arafat then interpreted what the Americans told him in a way radically different from what they had intended. When he got back from Washington, he met with the leaders of Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and other opposition groups, and indicated they could "let off steam" via terror.

The Palestinian Authority's threats of force against the bulldozers on Har Homa, and Arafat's successes in the international offensive against the construction actually helped escalate the violence. And Arafat let the terror groups know that, unlike after last year's wave of attacks, there would be no severe punishment.

Getting this "amber light," Palestinians took to the streets of Hebron and Bethlehem, stoning and firebombing IDF soldiers; and Ibrahim Makadmeh, the Hamas leader newly released from Arafat's jail, screamed out

**MOSHE ZAK**

to Gaza crowds of forthcoming attacks inside Israel — at just around the time his emissary was choosing his table in Tel Aviv's Appropo cafe.

With Palestinian popular support for Hamas operations arousing envy within Arafat's Fatah, the spiral of terror will widen.

The US believed it could cool things down by appeasing Arafat, ignoring intelligence reports about his encouraging terror, and by publicly calling on Israel to halt the bulldozers on Har Homa.

**Dennis Ross hopes to restart the talks, but he has reckoned without the PLO leader**

Its mistake was seeing Har Homa as the pivot of the crisis, and assuming that an Arafat-Netanyahu meeting would calm things down.

It didn't realize that the problem lay in the date of March 17, when final status talks were scheduled to resume. And it didn't think how Oslo had simply swept under the rug the huge gap between the sides on Jerusalem, the right of return, and the permanent status of the territories.

THE quarrel between Arafat and his opposition was not over Jerusalem. All agreed that it should be capital of a Palestinian state.

The quarrel was over tactics. The opposition didn't see eye to eye with Arafat on postponing the armed struggle for Jerusalem until Israel had handed over most of the territories.

Arafat wanted to exploit the interim period to build up the economic and military infrastructure of his state, but his plans went awry. The IDF's withdrawal from parts of Judea and Samaria were delayed.

While some Israelis hoped that the interim period would engender an atmosphere that would make the Palestinians more conciliatory over Jerusalem, the Palestinians doubted it. They knew exactly where Jerusalem figured in their plans.

When the date for final status negotiations approached, the "battle for Jerusalem" drew nearer and direct terror lurked in the background. But then the timetable of Israeli withdrawals became modified, and Arafat thought he could activate terror by "remote control."

But he is gradually losing control of the situation, carried along on the crest of the wave of popular protest he started, and pushed by international conferences to break off relations with Israel even before he gets more territory.

The possibility of a real crisis panicked the Americans into sending special envoy Dennis Ross to Rabat in Morocco to persuade Arafat to meet with Netanyahu and thus ease tension.

But since the present crisis was not caused by Har Homa but by Arafat's desire to bring the Jerusalem issue to the fore, the package deal Ross is bringing to the region is like a tranquilizer after a heart attack.

Some Israelis thought Jerusalem could be spun out for two more years, until the end of final status negotiations, but Arafat's provocative speeches at the Islamic conference showed otherwise. He wanted Jerusalem discussed, and he wanted it discussed amid threats and violence.

It is no accident that the violent student-IDF clashes erupted in Bethlehem, just south of Jerusalem, and in Ramallah, just north of it. Arafat is using the road to Jerusalem to mold the Arab consensus, while trying to split the Israeli one.

Israel and the US must tell him that this maneuver won't work, that he cannot twist our arm on Jerusalem.

*The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on current affairs.*



## Who is above suspicion?

**I**n the light of this week's High Court decision, it appears that Elyakim Rubinstein will be the first attorney-general in Israel's history to be obliged to undergo a lie-detector test upon commencing his service.

His immediate predecessor, Roni Bar-On, who served for only one day, did not take the test. And Michael Ben-Yair was tested only a few months before his resignation. Rubinstein, despite his principled opposition to the polygraph, declared upon his appointment that he would accept the decision of the cabinet committee the government designated to examine the issue. It goes without saying that he will accept the decision of the court, even though it conceded that the test is an infringement of personal privacy.

The court was not prepared to accept the argument that for Rubinstein, veteran of a quarter-century of public service of the most sensitive nature, an electronic inquisition would be, from the point of view of security and confidentiality, at best irrelevant.

It could be worse. In the US state of Georgia, urine tests are required of all public servants.

There are good reasons, of course, that the results of lie-detector tests are not admissible in evidence. Nevertheless, State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat believes they have value, if used judiciously. The police seem to have their doubts.

In any event, there has been no suggestion that lie-detector tests be used in investigating the Bar-On appointment. It is difficult to believe that this is because credibility isn't an issue. Nor can it be because the police are going easy on the individuals involved, as the marathon interrogation of Justice

**ALLAN E. SHAPIRO**

Minister Hanegbi demonstrates. Perhaps the police have learned from experience.

Twenty years ago, at the direction of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, the police were given the job of finding out who had leaked the Amoco Memorandum dealing with drilling rights of the Egyptian-American company in the Gulf of Suez, to the press. At that time, Shimon Peres and others refused to submit to lie-detector tests.

A decade later, in the Bus 300

**Odd that the credibility of the attorney-general isn't taken for granted, while that of the police is**

Affair, a Justice Ministry committee — which included the present state attorney, Edna Arbel — issued a public report that rejected the assertion of Avraham Shalom, head of the General Security Service, that he acted on the directive of prime minister Yitzhak Shamir in ordering the killing of two captured terrorists.

Again, neither Shalom nor Shamir underwent lie-detector tests.

No one appears to have suggested — let alone required — that police investigators take lie-detector tests to reveal the source of the leaks to the press in the course of the Bar-On investigation.

By an odd twist, the police seem to be the heirs of the older tradition in which public trust substitutes for formal rules to ensure the norms of public service.

On the face of it, the use of the polygraph to detect the source of leaks to the press would seem to make sense. There is, after all, a specific subject under investigation, therefore, is clearly circumscribed. Not so when the lie detector is used as a test of character or credibility. Since there is no specific subject of investigation, the investigator would have to decide for himself what is relevant. The range of possible avenues of investigation — and of possible infringement of personal privacy — is unlimited.

With all its drawbacks, this week's High Court decision carries a positive message for the new attorney-general, as he begins to evaluate the results of the police investigation in the Bar-On affair.

There is the clear hint that no exemption from the rules attaches to high public office. Either change the rules, the court declared, or apply them impartially.

As an appointee to high public office, Elyakim Rubinstein, so the High Court declared, enjoys no special privileges. As attorney-general, he has a large measure of discretion in applying rules to concrete realities.

The office of attorney-general is founded on the conviction that discretion and impartiality can go together.

The High Court has done its job. Now Rubinstein must do his.

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## Recognize what's already there

**T**he stewardess on the plane returning to Israel comes around with the customs and police forms that have to be filled in by anyone not holding an Israeli passport.

The couple sitting in the seats behind me ask whether they have to fill in these forms. They are, they claim, holders of the new Palestinian Authority travel documents.

Intrigued, I ask to see these documents. They are identical in every respect to Israeli passports, with two small exceptions. The cover of the passport is green, instead of the Israeli dark blue, and it bears the words "The Palestinian Authority."

The stewardess on the Swissair flight is at a loss to answer. She suggests that the couple fill in the forms; if it is later proved to have been unnecessary, they can always be discarded. This, she assures them, is preferable to not filling them in, then later holding people behind them up while they are asked to do so.

On our arrival in Israel, there is segregation. Israeli passport holders can move quickly through their own line, while foreign passport holders have to go through the regular, and often stringent, security checks.

I am intrigued to see what will happen to my Palestinian fellow travelers. What line will they stand in? Will their Palestinian "passports" be accepted as such, or will the couple be asked to produce travel documents which are recognized by the Israeli authorities?

I am ashamed to admit that, as is so often the case, practical concerns win out over satisfying curiosity. I rush through the line,

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look for my bags, and race for the customs in a hurry to get home.

And I admit it. I am always embarrassed when I see the treatment afforded all Palestinians entering the country, contrasted with the way bona fide Israeli passport holders are handled.

Women, children and the elderly

more, rather than less, complicated.

In the past, residents of the territories relied on the Israeli postal service, and used Israeli stamps. Today, the Israeli postal authorities no longer operate within the autonomy areas. Palestinians wishing to send letters abroad

**The symbols of Palestinian statehood are in place, a sign of reality**

are all subjected to rigorous security checks and interrogations, when all they want to do is get home to their families, like the rest of us.

The following day, I receive an interesting package in the mail. A Palestinian acquaintance has sent me the two new Palestinian stamps which have been issued by the Palestinian Authority. My son will be delighted. He will have two stamps which none of his friends have in their collections.

The stamps are interesting. One bears the image of Chairman Arafat; the other has as its background a picture of Al-Aksa Mosque in Jerusalem.

But the stamps are, at the moment, only recognized by the Palestinian Authority. You can send a letter from Gaza to Ramallah, or from Hebron to Jenin — but that's as far as it goes.

Sending a letter from the West Bank to Israel, or to any other point on the globe, has become

have to find a way of bringing their letters into Israel and having them sent on from here.

THE existence, if limited use, of the passports and the stamps highlight the fact that while the Palestinians are creating all the symbols of statehood — they already have a flag, an anthem and an armed militia — Israel still refuses to recognize the Palestinian autonomy areas as anything but an "entity," something undefined but not, as far as Israel is concerned, a state.

But whatever the eventual territorial configuration, the Palestinian entity will formally be recognized as a state. When the time comes and the Palestinians apply for full UN membership, it is obvious that there will be an overwhelming international vote in favor of recognizing the de jure sovereignty of the Palestinian state.

The debate over Palestinian statehood is now part of the accepted discourse within Israel. Statehood has been implicitly rec-

ognized by such right-wing hawks as Minister Ariel Sharon and Binyamin Netanyahu's senior adviser, David Bar-Ilan.

Contrary to yesterday's assertions by the prime minister that not every nation "necessarily requires statehood," the past 10 years have witnessed a proliferation of new nation-states throughout the world, particularly in Central and Eastern Europe.

And what is modern Israel if not a fairly young nation-state on the world political scene? We were successful in achieving our self-determination; can we stop others from achieving theirs?

It is no longer the debate over the existence of a Palestinian entity/state that is important, therefore, but the way this entity/state behaves.

Will it threaten Israel, or will it act correctly, cooperating with us the way a good neighbor does? In short, can we function side by side without each society feeling threatened by the other? Will economic and other links so essential to regional stability be allowed to flourish, superseding political tension, or will enmity continue?

Stamps and travel documents may seem minor points of contention, but it is they, together with the flag, the anthem and the militia, that symbolize more than anything else the normalcy and potential stability one looks for at the end of the arduous search for peace in this troubled region.

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# More cult suicides expected

ZURICH (Reuters) - The apparent mass suicide of 39 people whose purple-shrouded corpses were found lying in a California mansion seems to have extended a macabre string of ritual self-destruction by cult members.

Police probing the bizarre case declined to speculate on whether the victims belonged to a religious computer sect, as neighbors suggested, but cult experts said yesterday it bore the hallmarks of a fringe group's collective self-annihilation.

"I would not say this is a pattern that is becoming more common necessarily, but I do believe we are going to see more and more deaths as time goes by," said Ian Howarth, head of the London-based Cult Information Center.

"Because we are finding more and more cults, there will always be those where the leadership may well be quite mad and decide through some sort of paranoid reaction to do something extreme like this and take the people with them," he added.

"The potential for what hap-

pened in California is there in any cult. It is just up to the leader," Charismatic cult leaders intent on bending followers to their will have already shown the lethal power they can exert.

"People have this idea that cults recruit people who are lost, searching, gullible individuals who are probably not very intelligent," Howarth said.

"In fact, they are very intelligent. They are usually well educated people from middle to upper-class family backgrounds and people with high ideals," he said, citing reports that the California victims were high-level computer programmers.

Doomsday prophet Luc Jouret, head of the Swiss-based Renewed Order of the Solar Temple, was blamed for the deaths of 53 of his followers in Switzerland and Canada.

Five more believers in the Temple - an international sect that believes death by ritualized suicide leads to rebirth in a place called "Sirius" - killed themselves in Canada last week, bringing the

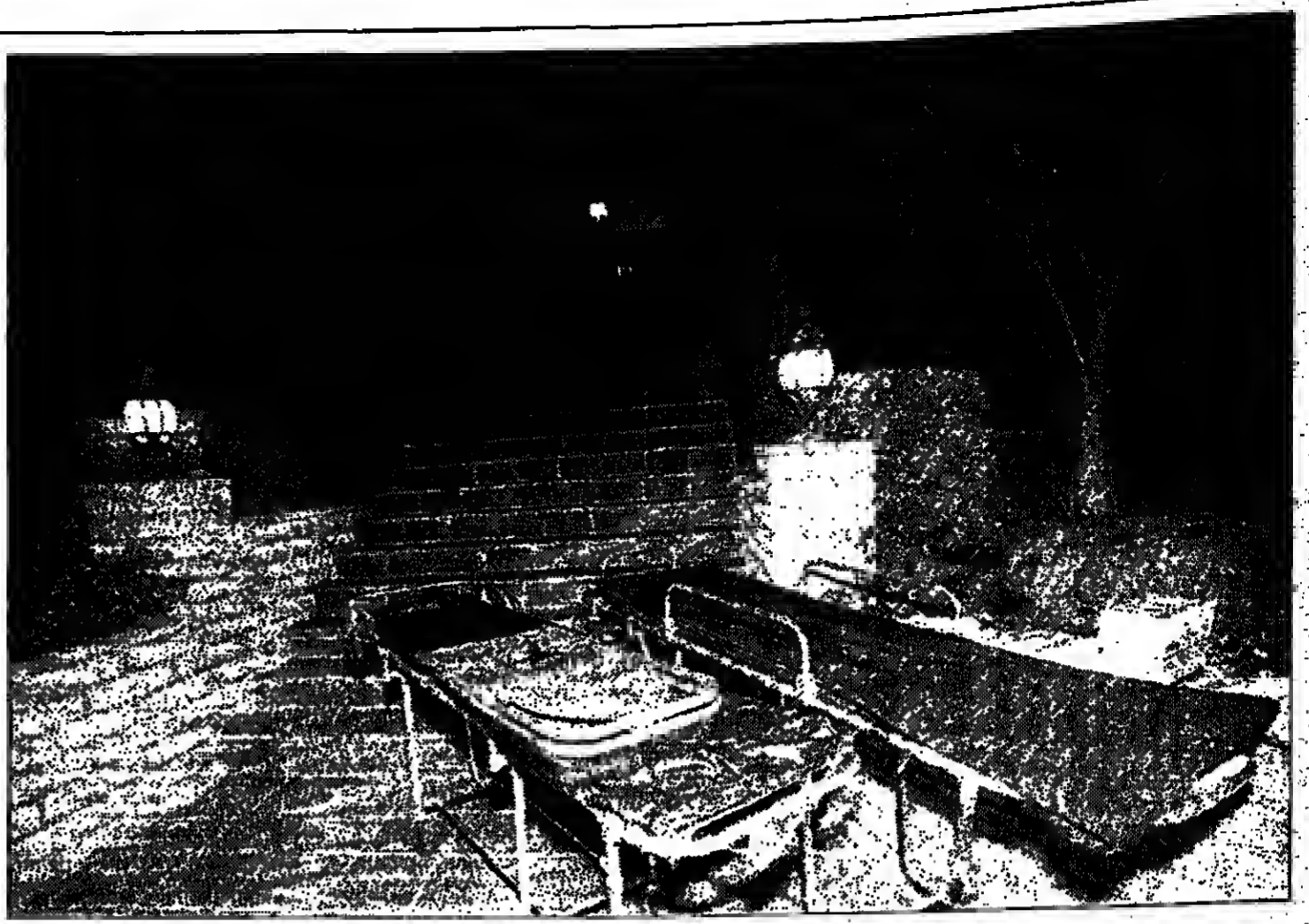
death toll among members and their families to 74.

In 1993, David Koresh, self-proclaimed Son of God, gathered his Branch-Davidian followers in a compound in Waco, Texas, and sent at least 70 men, women and children to their deaths in a fiery shoot-out with government agents.

Jim Jones led 913 followers into the Guyana jungle and persuaded them to commit mass suicide by drinking cyanide-laden Kool-Aid in 1978. He told them they were going to heaven.

In Japan, members of the quasi-Buddhist Aum Shinrikyo sect are accused of a 1995 sarin nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway in which 11 people died and 5,000 were injured.

Mexican police blamed a minister's fervent belief in God for his death and that of 29 followers who suffocated in 1991 when he told them to keep praying and ignore toxic fumes filling their church. Ramon Morales Almazan shouted at his followers to remain calm as they began to choke, vomit and faint.



Stretchers wait outside a Californian mansion where 39 suicide victims were found on Wednesday.

(Reuters)

## NYC police find nerve gas container

NEW YORK (AP) - Police have found more than 750 liters of possibly hazardous materials, including a container labeled "sarin," a deadly nerve gas, in a home in an expensive neighborhood of the Queens borough of New York City.

Two containers in the house also were marked "radioactive" but tests revealed no signs of radioactivity, reports said in *Newsday* and *The New York Times*, quoting unidentified sources.

A search of the house in the Douglaston neighborhood was conducted after officers arrested Lester Deity, 52, and charged him with reckless endangerment and willfully possessing a noxious chemical, police said.

Police did not immediately confirm whether the container with a hand-printed "sarin" label actually held the same kind of nerve gas

as was looted in Tokyo subways two years ago, killing 12 people and injuring thousands.

Police searched for "300 liters of gas, 750 liters of other highly flammable liquids, and two other canisters, including one labeled 'sarin' and one of compressed air," said a police spokesman, Jerry Varson.

About 300 people from 100 homes nearby homes were evacuated as a precaution but were allowed back at about 4 a.m., Varson said.

Police said they were tipped off to the stash by employees of Hewlett-Packard, who went to the Queens home seeking payment of a \$69,000 bill.

*The Daily News* said Deity barricaded himself inside the house and stood off police from about 1 p.m. to early evening, then was taken into custody peacefully.

## Zaire gov't, rebels to meet

LOME, Togo (AP) - Zaire's rebels and representatives from the government they are trying to topple will meet face-to-face in the coming days, probably in South Africa, a rebel official said yesterday.

"They have decided to be serious and meet us," Bizima Karaha, the rebel's foreign affairs strategist, said at the conclusion of a two-day summit of 15 African leaders in this West African capital.

But Karaha expressed some wariness about the planned meeting: "We don't trust them much because they are known for making promises they don't keep." The summit ended with a declaration calling for "a cease-fire and a complete cessation of hostilities" as well as for immediate talks.

"We got both sides in the same room together and they've agreed to talk. That can only be seen as a step forward," said a US diplomat who attended the talks, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In the Zairian capital, government spokesman Biebie Ekialaba confirmed that negotiations were expected to take place in South Africa in the next few days, but said he had no details.

## Russian wage protest falls short of expectations

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Tens of thousands of angry protesters braved freezing temperatures in Russia's two biggest cities yesterday to call on the government to quit, and demand speedy payment of overdue wages and pensions.

But the turnout in Moscow and in St Petersburg - and in other cities across the world's biggest country - was well below the 20 million forecast by trade union organizers.

Marchers were mostly resigned rather than aggressive and there were no reports of trouble.

"How long will the working people suffer to please the IMF and mafiosi capital?" asked Mikhail Nogaitsev, a senior official with the Moscow trade union organization. "We need

jobs, pensions, wages and social benefits." It was frosty and sunny in Moscow but 40,000 demonstrators in St Petersburg's Palace Square had to contend with heavy snow.

Local radio said factories had started paying wage arrears at 3 p.m. - just when the speeches got under way.

Trade unions, backed by Russia's communist opposition, had organized the strikes and demonstrations to protest at wage arrears of over 50 trillion rubles (\$8.8 billion), including 10 trillion from the state.

Millions of workers have not been paid for months, unable to afford the goods now crowding the shelves of once-empty shops.

Police across Russia reported tens of thousands of marchers and unions said hundreds

of thousands were on strike. But many strikers come from plants that are already idle and it was hard to say how many people were actively joining the protests.

"The Far East and Siberia have effectively expressed no confidence in the government," Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov told reporters as he joined the main Moscow rally.

"Changes in the government have convinced no one. This march is going from the Pacific city of Vladivostok to Kaliningrad (on the Baltic) and no one can stop it." Many marchers called on President Boris Yeltsin and his new government to quit.

"This is a political strike. We are going to pass a motion of no confidence in the presi-

## Peru hostage standoff: 100 days and counting

LIMA (AP) - The longest hostage standoff in Latin American history entered its 100th day yesterday, with rebels still occupying the Japanese ambassador's residence in a bid to win the freedom of jailed comrades.

Efforts to end the crisis and free the 72 hostages held inside the compound continued, while President Alberto Fujimori reiterated his resolve to pacify Peru.

"Terrorists must not be wandering around. Terrorists must not be free," he said. "Those who must be free are the citizens who work for Peru."

Speaking at a road dedication in the highlands, Fujimori promised to "completely pacify the country and not allow terrorism to return in any form."

Fujimori had promised to wipe out Peru's terrorist groups by the end of his first term in July 1995. He had pronounced the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement virtually defeated before the group seized the

ambassador's compound Dec. 17.

Meanwhile reports continued that a solution to the crisis was nearly at hand.

The Peruvian news media and the Japanese Kyodo news service both reported that rebel leader Nestor Cerpa was ready to accept a deal that would take him and his Tupac Amaru terrorists to Cuba in exchange for freeing the hostages.

But Peru's opposition daily *La Republica*, citing unnamed sources in the anti-terrorism police, reported that the 15 or so rebels inside the compound were bickering over the issue.

Two of Cerpa's lieutenants are upset that he is reportedly willing to cede ground on their key demand - freedom for hundreds of jailed comrades, the newspaper reported.

Other rebels with less political training are tired and simply want a quick end to the standoff, *La Republica* said.

A deal is reportedly in the works in which some, but not all, jailed Tupac Amaru rebels would get early release in exchange for the freedom of the hostages. The terrorists inside the residence would get asylum in Cuba.

Kyodo news in Tokyo, citing unnamed sources close to the negotiations, reported that Cerpa believes he and his followers are better off going to Cuba rather than risking the breakdown of negotiations, which might convince Peru to use force to free the captives.

Cerpa reportedly was worried that Roman Catholic Archbishop Juan Luis Cipriani, a close friend of Fujimori, was ready to quit the mediation team in frustration.

Cipriani has since gone to his archdiocese in the highland city of Ayacucho for Holy Week.

Cerpa will meet Monday with the chief government negotiator, Domingo Palermo to discuss the plan for going to Cuba.

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**ANN MARKUS (Kamin)**  
of Toronto, Canada

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Elliot and Sylvia Markus  
and all her loving grandchildren  
and great-grandchildren

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a shiur will be given in his memory,  
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at Yakar, 10 Rehov Halamed Hei, Jerusalem.

The Family and Friends

On the shloshim of the late

**SARAH GREBENAU ז"ל**

we will meet at the main gate of the Holon Cemetery at  
4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 1997 (24 Adar II 5757)  
for the unveiling of the tombstone.

A memorial meeting will be held at the J.I.A. British Olm  
Society, 76 Ibn Gabirol, Tel Aviv at 6:30 p.m.

The family and friends

We will unveil the tombstone of our beloved

**Rabbi Dr. MATTHEW KATZ ז"ל**

on Thursday, April 3, 1997 (25 Adar II 5757) at the  
Sde Yehoshua Cemetery, Haifa at 4.30 p.m. (Oren Gate).

The Family

## Luther King's son visits Ray

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP) - James Earl Ray told the son of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in an extraordinary face-to-face prison meeting yesterday he did not kill the civil rights leader.

"I had nothing to do with shooting your father," Ray told Dexter King.

Later, 15 minutes into the meeting, Ray said when asked if he killed the civil rights leader: "No, I didn't. Sometimes you have to make a personal evaluation."

Dexter King replied: "I believe you and my family believes you."

The two met at the Lois DeBerry Special Needs Facility, where Ray is serving 99 years for killing King. He is being treated for terminal liver disease.

The King family has joined in a call for Ray to get a trial for the 1968 assassination in Memphis, saying that's the only way they'll know the truth about King's death.

King was shot as he stood on a hotel balcony in Memphis, where he had arrived to help direct a sanitation workers' strike. Ray, now 69, pleaded guilty to the slaying, avoiding a possible death sentence. He recanted a few days later and has been proclaiming his innocence ever since.

## Dalai Lama talks with Taiwan's leader

TAIPEI (AP) - In the face of Chinese opposition, the Dalai Lama and Taiwan President Lee Teng-bui met for the first time yesterday, signaling a "new beginning" in relations, the exiled spiritual leader said.

The meeting capped the Tibetan's unprecedented six-day visit to Taiwan, which Beijing denounced as a convention of "spiritualists" trying to break up China.

The visit paved the way for closer understanding between Tibetans and all Chinese, both in Taiwan and mainland China, since they all share Chinese heritage, the Dalai Lama told reporters.

His discussion with Lee, a practicing Christian, revolved mostly around religion, but the two also

discussed Tibetan refugees in Nepal and India and the setting up of a liaison office in Taiwan, he said. Taiwan Television reported the two spoke mostly in English for 45 minutes.

No decision was reached on such an office, but the Tibetan side sees "no problem" in establishing one, the Dalai Lama said.

The meeting with Lee was held at an official guest house instead of Lee's office to deflect suspicion that the Dalai Lama was being received as a foreign head of state.

In a statement, Lee's office called it a meeting of philosophers, and quoted the president as saying the enthusiastic welcome for the Dalai Lama in Taiwan testified to his charisma.

## Scots lose bid to ban TV debate

EDINBURGH (Reuters) - The Scottish Nationalist Party (SNP) yesterday lost a legal bid to prevent its exclusion from a proposed pre-election television debate between Britain's prime minister and main opposition leader.

The SNP had wanted its leader Alex Salmond to join Prime Minister John Major and Labor Party leader Tony Blair for the debate when it is transmitted in Scotland.

The nationalist party had asked Scotland's highest court to rule that television companies would be breaching their duty of impartiality by excluding Salmond.

A Court of Sessions judge ruled

against the SNP, saying that broadcasters could use their own judgement about their programs.

Broadcasting of election campaigns is tightly controlled in Britain, with no paid commercials and the planned debate is widely seen as a key moment in the campaign.

The Liberal Democrats, Britain's third national party trailing far behind Labor and Major's Conservatives, have also threatened legal action if their leader, Paddy Ashdown, is not given a role in the head-to-head debates.

Both Major and Blair have agreed to the debates, but the format has yet to be finalized.

**MAGGY T.H.**  
(10.4.76 - 21.3.97)

Dear Janny and Sammy,  
Dear Jojo,

With love and in tears,  
we want to say that your sorrow is our sorrow.  
Our memory of Maggy will always stay sacred  
and we hope that our togetherness will  
give us strength.

The Khakshouri Family

There is so much to say but no words  
to express what I feel.  
You are in my heart, Maggy, my dear.  
In deep love, Jennifer

Dearest Maggy,  
I will always think of you as "le petit soleil."  
Your gentle eyes and delicate smile will live on  
warming my heart forever.

Isaac

Your absence is impossible to overcome,  
yet we continue living and will  
never forget you, Maggy.

Sascha

Maggy,  
We miss you, yet we feel you with us more  
than ever before. We love you.

Tanja and Nina

With deep sorrow, I say good-bye to you,  
my beloved cousin,  
who will live on in my heart eternally.

Allon

Maggy, your smile  
will always be with me!

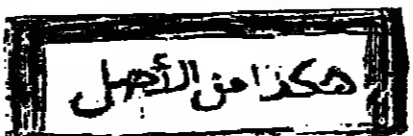
Nani

Beloved Maggy,  
I miss you with all my heart.

Mischa

The Sea, Our Passion  
yours the sun, mine the fish  
In love and hope

Pagan





## Tackling terror

Ex-Mossad chief Shabtai Shavit and ex-CIA head James Woolsey assess options for combating terror, Steve Rodan reports

Not long ago, Shabtai Shavit and James Woolsey headed two of the most prestigious spy agencies in the world. They were colleagues then; they are friends now. They visit each other's homes, meet at conferences and worry about Israel's intensifying struggle with Palestinian terrorism.

Woolsey, CIA director from 1993 to 1995, appears more at ease than the former Mossad chief in expressing his concern over the current Palestinian wave of terrorism that Israeli authorities say has been largely orchestrated by Yasser Arafat. "It's an extraordinary and tense situation," Woolsey says. "It's very worrisome for Israel and the United States. They're in this together. To a lot of terrorists, Israel is the small satan and we're the big satan."

Woolsey, an attorney by profession who served under several Democratic Party administrations, says he is convinced that Arafat signaled his approval of the current wave of Islamic terrorism and unrest. He dismisses the doubts expressed by US diplomats of the Israeli assertion that Arafat gave the Islamic terrorist opposition the "green light" to attack.

"I think it's a sterile dispute," Woolsey, who attended the inaugural conference of the International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism, says. "There's a green light, but there's also a yellow light. All you have to do is surround yourself with 120 released Hamas prisoners and say 'won't somebody please help me in this difficult situation?' And that's plenty of yellow light [in order to operate]. I don't think Arafat had to give a green light."

Woolsey urges Israel and the US to cooperate to remove what he terms the "terrorist cap" from Arafat before final-status negotiations resume. "Israel has extraordinarily difficult negotiations coming up," he says. "There is no doubt that compromises have to be made. But I don't see how you can deal with Arafat under the threat of terrorism."

The former CIA director doesn't say so, but Woolsey's skepticism of Arafat runs deep within the US intelligence community and the Pentagon. Formally, President Bill Clinton's administration is committed to Arafat, but privately many US defense officials say the PLO leader will not abandon violence, and the challenge for the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will be how to eliminate a terrorist infrastructure that has been established just minutes away from Israeli cities.

Admiral (ret.) Leighton Smith, who until several months ago held several key US Navy positions including commander of the

55,000-member US-led peace-keeping force in Bosnia, spent a week here meeting government officials and military leaders in a visit sponsored by the Washington-based Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs. He says he sees similarities between the Balkans and Israel. The difference is that with all its problems, Bosnia is one contiguous territory while the Palestinian Authority rules areas that sandwich a narrow Israel.

"The problem here is that there is a terrorist problem within the boundaries of the area [Israel]," says Smith. "You've got terrorism all over the place. You can't tolerate terrorism as a means to drive a country to concede what it doesn't want to concede."

Yonah Alexander, a terrorist expert at George Washington University and a consultant to the US Defense Department, compares last week's bombing in Tel Aviv to that of New York City's World Trade Center in 1993. "It's a wake-up call," Alexander says. "If we don't respond to this, things will get worse."

For his part, Woolsey appears more cautious. He acknowledges that the US hopes that Arafat would end his career as a terrorist appear to be premature.

"It's hard to say now [whether Arafat is still a terrorist]," he says. "After all, people who were responsible for terrorism in this region were also later responsible for acts of great statesmanship in the world, like [the late Egyptian president Anwar] Sadat and [the late prime minister Menachem] Begin. But it is just completely unacceptable for Arafat to give the yellow light to terrorists and turn them loose every time there is a disagreement over a housing project or anything else."

Woolsey says the Clinton administration must make this clear to Arafat.

He also suggests that the White House tell Arafat that the Middle East peace process is not what US diplomats term a "slippery slope," in which negotiations and Israeli concessions eventually resume regardless of the violence. "What's required is clarity from my government," Woolsey says.

According to Woolsey, the key to fighting international terrorism is international cooperation. "You can never know enough about the groups planning attacks," he says. "There is a limit to what you can learn through your own means. Espionage and the sharing of intelligence with friendly countries is the only way you'll learn about terrorist plans and finances."

Should Israel strike Islamic terrorists at their bases in Gaza?

Woolsey doesn't sound positive. Although Netanyahu as opposition leader was an ardent support-



A bomb disposal expert examines the body of the suicide bomber who blew up Tel Aviv's Apropro cafe last Friday.

(Gideon Markovitz)

er of the traditional Israeli policy of striking terrorists abroad, Woolsey doesn't believe that terrorists who are not directly supported by a government are deterred by the threat of retaliation.

**"Last week's bombing in Tel Aviv was a wake-up call. If we don't respond, things will get worse."**

— Yonah Alexander

"You have to be careful, in terms of retaliation, that you have the right country in their sights," Woolsey says. "There could be terrorist events that don't involve

state sponsorship at all."

SHABTAI SHAVIT, Mossad head from 1989 to 1996, begins his explanation of terrorism by drawing a map of Israel. He then takes a blue felt-tip pen and scribbles concentric circles in the middle where Judea and Samaria are located. "This area is fuzzy," he says. "There's no border. There's no clear delineation. What's taking place here is that our direct access to the territories is growing weaker. So you have to compensate for this."

"This is the biggest intelligence problem we have here. When it comes to political intelligence, whether on Palestinian strategy or negotiation positions, or what they think of the economy, this is easy to get. When you speak of specific intelligence, this is difficult."

When Shavit joined the Mossad in the early 1960s, Arafat was becoming prominent as the leader of the newly-established Fatah. From then until his retirement last year, Shavit's job was to track down the Palestinian revolutionary.

Is Arafat still a terrorist leader?

Shavit doesn't like the question, calling it political. "To depict Arafat as a terrorist is incorrect," he says. "If Arafat was a terrorist, he would not enter the peace process. Arafat is in a phase where he doesn't rule out terrorism in extreme situations. But to say Arafat is a terrorist through and through is a great exaggeration."

Shavit agrees with Woolsey that terrorists aren't easily deterred. Terrorism is a poor man's warfare and it requires little funding or support. "Arafat rose in 1965 and from the minute he appeared I was after him," Shavit says. "Did we stop him? He kept on operating. Sometimes we knocked him off balance. But we never managed to stop him. The case study used of a successful campaign against terrorism was the British in Burma. But could we obtain international support for the kinds of methods the British used? Would we get a national consensus for this?"

In the absence of PA cooperation, should Israel strike at

Islamic terrorists in Gaza?

Shavit becomes uneasy, but before long the man who headed what he says is the best group of spies in the world relents. "I can do all sorts of operations," he says. "If I am smart

**"To say Arafat is a terrorist through and through is a great exaggeration."**

— Shabtai Shavit

enough I can do it with deniability so that nobody knows it's me. The restraint is linked to political and strategic considerations. As long as you are in negotiations you are limited." Both Shavit and Woolsey are

asked the following: Can prolonged terrorism destabilize Israel?

They agree that Israel can brave a long period of tension as well as numerous terrorist attacks. "I don't see Israel becoming destabilized by this terrorist campaign," Woolsey says.

"I see the commitment to the rule of law and democracy here as extremely strong. A great deal of stress can be placed on the US and Israel."

For his part, Shavit says Israelis will have to learn to live with the current tension. He foresees a long period of high alert in which "you can't lose your head or your strength."

But he distinguishes between the current tension and Israel's restraint in the face of continued terrorist attacks.

"The situation of prolonged terror could come to the breaking point whereby Israel can no longer tolerate this and will react with a force that could end the peace process. In that case, you switch priorities and say to hell with the whole process."

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have promised to resolve the conflict as possible.

(T.H. 11.3.97)

d in tears. sorrow is our sorrow. All always stay sacred. togetherness will strength.

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say but no words that I feel. Maggy, my dear. In deep love, Jennie

you as "le petit soleil" delicate smile will live on heart forever.

possible to overcome. living and will you. Maggy.

feel you with us more. We love you. Tanja and Nita

say good-bye to you. ed cousin. my heart eternally.

our smile be with me!

with all my heart.

SW. mine the fish and hope

# Land Day 1997: Bracing for the worst

For the first time in years, Israeli Arabs have called a general strike for Land Day this Sunday. Will tensions explode? Abraham Rabinovich reports

The annual manifestation of mild schizophrenia known as Land Day, when Israeli Arabs give expression to their sense of dual identity, has in recent years taken on a relatively benign, almost picnic-like flavor in marked contrast with its earlier stridency. However, there will be no mistaking this year's Land Day celebrations on Sunday for a St. Patrick's Day parade. "I'm afraid the ground is ripe for an explosion," says Loufi Mashour, editor of the Nazareth newspaper *As-Sennara*.

The combination of factors that seem likely to return Israeli Arabs and Jews to an angry confrontational mode include the election last year of a government perceived by Israeli Arabs as insensitive to their needs, the apparent

grounding of the peace process and the beginning of construction at Har Homa.

For the first time in years, the organizers of Land Day - a committee made up of Arab local council heads, Arab Knesset members and Arab Histadrut officials - have called a general strike in the Arab sector for Land Day as their way of slamming the table for attention.

"There will be no violence unless there is provocation from the army or police," says MK Abdul Malik Dahamshe of the Democratic Arab Party. Mashour, however, says that violence might come if there are reports of serious injuries or deaths among West Bank Palestinians, who are expected to clash with troops in their own militant version of Land

Day celebrations. Land Day has its origins in the fatal clash 21 years ago between troops and Arabs protesting the expropriation of land in Galilee. Six Arabs were killed and many wounded. On every anniversary since then, Israeli Arabs have marked the event with rallies which not only commemorate the dead but are an opportunity to vent current grievances. The anniversary has come to be marked as well by Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and in refugee camps in the Arab world beyond, in a manifestation of national bonding.

The central rally this year will be in the Beduin settlement of Abu Tul in the Negev where Arabs will assemble from all over the country to call attention to the displacement of Beduin from traditional grazing grounds. Rallies, tree plantings and marches will be held in Galilee and the Triangle



A turbulent Land Day in Taiba.

(Dany Lev/TPA)

and a rally is to be held in Jaffa as well. "We will be demonstrating against expropriation of Arab land and for increased budgets and

equality," says Nazareth Mayor Ramzi Gerasi. "But we will also be demonstrating against the Har Homa project and the danger we see to the peace process." The construction at Har Homa, which has placed Jerusalem on the public agenda, has already brought demonstrations by Israel's Islamic movement and may prove a combustible element on Sunday.

Dr. Eli Rekhess of Tel Aviv University said this week that the institutionalization of Land Day by Israel's Arabs after the 1976

shootings was a declaration of assertiveness on the part of a minority which had been passive during the first decades of the state and lived under military government until 1966. "It was a signal from the Arab population to the government that we had entered a new era," said Rekhess, who heads a program on Arab politics sponsored by the Adenauer Foundation. "They were saying 'You can no longer handle us the same way. There is a new leadership and we will fight back.'"

The Jewish population and the government regarded these manifestations of Arab nationalism with extreme suspicion, at least in the early years, but Rekhess notes that the Arab leadership has been careful to shun any hint of secessionist or anti-state tendencies. "On the contrary," he says, "they emphasize that what they are doing is within the context of being part of Israeli society."

Says Mayor Gerasi: "The government has to distinguish between protests against the state and protests against the state's policy. We are protesting only against policies."

DUALISM - THE tension involved in being both Israeli and Palestinian - has been a central feature of Land Day as it is of the Israeli Arab community itself. By vigorously protesting government policies, is the Arab community setting itself apart from the rest of Israeli society and opening itself to suspicions of being a potential fifth column, or is it in fact demonstrating how integral a part of that society it is by feeling free enough to protest and hopeful enough that protest will bring change?

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## To: The Prime Minister of Israel and the Government Har Homa - A Last Minute Plea.

On January 26, 1997, the Prime Minister, Mr. Binyamin Netanyahu, wrote us stating: "In reaching a decision on the construction of the new Har Homa neighborhood, all the implications and circumstances will be taken into account." An interim balance sheet can now be drawn up:

- On the political level:
  - 14 countries have twice condemned Israel in the UN Security Council.
  - 130 countries have condemned Israel in the UN General Assembly.
  - The Islamic Convention has condemned Israel.
  - It is expected that the Arab League will condemn Israel.
  - It is expected that the Jerusalem Conference headed by King Hassan will condemn Israel.
  - It is expected that Oman, Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia, Morocco, and other countries will break off diplomatic relations with Israel, and that Israel will be isolated worldwide.
  - Since the Creation, "Har Homa" has never been part of the city of Jerusalem.
  - The status of East Jerusalem is considered in the Camp David Agreement.
  - The Security Council and the UN General Assembly have passed resolutions, overruling the acts of expropriation in East Jerusalem (e.g., Resolution 267).
  - The Oslo Agreement contains a provision that the status of East Jerusalem will be determined in the permanent-settlement negotiations with the Palestinians.
  - In March 1977, the government made a decision not to expropriate land.
  - In May 1995, the government made a decision not to expropriate land.
  - The "Har Homa" scheme will necessitate further expropriation of Arab land.
- On the security level:
  - Even before construction starts, the site is being guarded by 2,000 members of the police and the army.
  - A report produced by Israel's security services states that there are strong grounds for expecting riots and terrorist incidents, if the government builds this neighborhood. This report to the government has been described by the Minister of Justice as shocking.
- On the economic level:
  - An \$800 million debit for compensation, and the construction of infrastructure and public buildings.
  - \$800 million of the government investments will be deducted from the US guarantees.
  - A \$400 million loss, if the offer of the land owners to transfer all profits from the project, to a fund for advancing peace in the Middle East and supporting humanitarian causes, is rejected.
  - Amounts corresponding to the factors noted in Para. 4, Para. 6 (c), (d) and Para. 10 must be added to the above.
  - In addition, there will be a negative effect on tourism.
- On the planning level:
  - Our company's scheme to build apartments designed for the handicapped has been rejected.
  - Our company's scheme, to entirely eliminate road accidents in the neighborhood has been rejected.
  - Approval has been given to the government plan. According to this plan, sewage produced by the neighborhood's population of 35,000 will be pumped up 250 m by three pumps, one of which will be located in the schools and kindergartens area. A stroke of genius! Where are the environmentalists?
  - The approved government scheme will necessitate further expropriation of Arab land.
  - The government's \$1,500 billion project plan was approved by three members of the committee in quarter of an hour, this involving illegal acts (brought out in Supreme Court Case 6517/96). They did not consider the alternative plan submitted.
  - An expert has given the approved government plan a rating of 20%, in comparison to the plan of our company. Our plan can be seen at the Internet address: WWW.HARHOMA.COM.
- On the ethical level:
  - This action is contrary to Jewish ethics, as exemplified in the story of "Neboth's vineyard" (Kings I: 21).
  - While allocating state land to kibbutzim and moshavim, the government is here refusing to allow land owners to develop their own land.
  - While giving entrepreneurs the right to acquire state land and draw up plans for its utilization, the government prevents land owners building on their land, in accordance with completed plans.
  - While nationalizing the "Har Homa" area, the government is privatizing real estate companies it owns.
  - While encouraging capital investment, the government is nationalizing a life-time project. Who will invest in a country, in which the government nationalizes a life-time project, in order to give it to others, after work has been invested in it over a period of 25 years?
  - While allowing construction on 13 dunams of occupied land in Ras el Amud, on the grounds that it is private land, the government is preventing construction on 1,500 dunams of private land on "Har Homa".
  - In Israel, property is being confiscated, while in Eastern Europe, property confiscated before WWII is now being returned.
- On the legal and constitutional level:
  - It is contrary to Para. 3 in the basic law: Rights and Freedom of Man.
- In Supreme Court Case 3956/92, it was laid down that:
 

"In considering the petitioner's request to revoke the expropriation, the Minister of Finance must give weight to the fact that we are concerned with prejudicing a right associated with the property, and with 'respecting this right.' This means that, if it is proved that it is possible to build the residential neighborhood - a public need - without expropriation, it would be desirable to revoke the expropriation, even if, at the time the minister made his decision, he thought otherwise."
- In Case 3956/92, the Supreme Court decided that, under certain conditions, the expropriation of Har Homa would be invalidated. Our company agrees to comply with these conditions. Binyamin Ben Eliezer, who was then the Minister of Construction and Housing, found a pretext to ignore the Supreme Court's ruling that the owners could build luxury apartments, and without the minister bothering to look at our company's plans.
- The government has caused the agreement, signed between our company and the Jerusalem Development Authority to build the neighborhood, to be violated.
- On the correct procedure level:
  - The government master plan, was approved, at a time when a court order forbidding this act was in effect (see Supreme Court Case 6517/96).
  - Agreements have been signed with architects, engineers and surveyors, without publishing public tenders.
  - An agreement has been signed with an earth-work contractor, without publishing a public tender.
  - The haredim have already started to sell apartments on "Har Homa". The circumstances in which the neighborhood was promised to them, and how this was done before the court cases were completed, are yet to be revealed.
- On the Israeli public opinion level:
  - An opinion poll conducted by Dr. Rachel Yisraeli of Machon Michshuv, on February 22, 1997, found that 92% of Jewish adults in Israel consider that the government should permit the private owners to undertake the building.
- On the level of human feelings:
  - An attempt has been made to prevent us creating a memorial to a woman soldier who was killed in a road accident, while on duty in the IDF. In the drawing up of our plan for the neighborhood, the utmost care was taken to ensure the greatest possible road safety, as noted in Para 4 (b). A fund in her memory was also to be set up - see Para 3 (c).
- To date, the government has agreed to:
  - Allow the operation of the Dahanya airfield
  - Hand over more areas in Region C
  - Invest \$50 million in infrastructure in East Jerusalem
  - The building of 400 apartments in Zur Bahar
  - The building of 3,000 apartments for Arabs in other areas of East Jerusalem
  - Create a "Har Homa B" neighborhood for Arabs, which will necessitate the expropriation of further land areas from the Arabs. Another stroke of genius!
- In conclusion:
  - It is clear that, when the decision to build a new neighborhood on expropriated land on "Har Homa" was made, ALL the implications and circumstances were NOT taken into account, in particular and obviously, not those detailed above.
  - The question is not "to build or not to build". The question is: Should the owners build, or should the government take the land from the owners, and give it to others? Government instituted construction on "Har Homa" does not contribute anything to Israel's position in East Jerusalem - in fact, the contrary is the case.
  - The government has done practically everything to placate the Palestinians, except the correct thing: make a decision to cancel the expropriation on "Har Homa", remove its security forces, to stop the emergency deployment of troops, stop wasting public money, and allow the owners - Jews and Arabs - to build on their land.
  - The security services have given their opinion on what will happen if construction is started on "Har Homa". Not one minister has checked it out: What would happen, if the owners - Jews and Arabs - build, with the accord of the Palestinians and in line with world opinion?

The prime minister and the ministers of the government will not, at some future date, be able to come out of this matter with clean hands, because not one of them has asked the security services the right question, and has not checked out the alternative that the owners - Jews and Arabs - build the neighborhood.
- This is a life-time project which the government is attempting to quash, with no justification. The attitude of the prime minister should be exactly the same as it would be, were someone attempting to destroy a memorial project for Yoni Netanyahu.
- If the neighborhood is built by the owners, it will restore respect for the right of ownership, produce savings in the national budget, improve Israel's image in the world, and promote economic prosperity, peace and security.
- If this neighborhood is built on expropriated land, in accordance with the government plan, despite all the disadvantages detailed above, it will impose penance on many generations, the sad fact being recorded in history that it was done when the premiership was held by Binyamin Netanyahu, an architect by profession, and graduate of business affairs.

We therefore address this impassioned, last-minute plea to the prime minister and the ministers, to take ALL the implications and circumstances into account, in accordance with human rights, and statehood principles.

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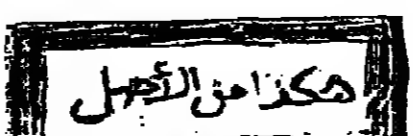
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# Is Labor ready to snap?

# No time for unity

Shimon Peres's desire to continue his 20-year hegemony over Labor's party machine may drive the party to the breaking point, Sarah Honig writes

In an interview with Michal Yudelman, Ehud Barak dismisses a national unity government and calls for renewal of talks with Yasser Arafat

Shimon Peres has the reputation of almost sprightly striding out first through the revolving door, even if he entered it behind someone else.

This is what renders everyone around him in the Labor Party so jumpy and jittery. Labor's already twitchy nerves were further agitated when Peres was nominated for president (only party president for now) this week and not for the first time.

The suggestion first cropped up soon after Peres lost last year's election and it keeps reappearing with impressive regularity.

That the notion of creating a new and very undefined role for Peres persists, and that it stirs great controversy and raw emotion, indicates a great deal about the state of Labor these days. Many in the party-like Labor to a spring which has been tightly pulled back and which everyone is now expecting to snap forcefully, though no one knows how and when - except that it will surely happen before June 3.

It is on that date the party is slated to elect its new chairman - the one who will replace Peres and who will be Labor's next candidate for prime minister. It will be then that the 20-year Peres hegemony over the Labor machine (even during the tenure of the late Yitzhak Rabin as prime minister) will in theory be over.

The trouble is that no one in the party - least of all Peres's opponents - believes that he is ready or willing to go. Despite his advancing years he is judged as still politically vigorous, and as highly unlikely to passively yield the helm, and fade away with resignation.



Peres: Unlikely to yield the top spot.

(Alan Row/Israel Sun)

place in June.

Many around Barak claimed to have discovered Peres's fingerprints on the Netanyahu proposal. They lost no time to whisper in reporters' ears that Peres must be involved because the maneuver is so sophisticated and ingenious - not in the realm of Israel's dealings with the Arabs but in the party political arena, where it could make a national unity government much more difficult to oppose.

In the Barak camp it is regarded as axiomatic that Peres will stop at nothing to get the party into the government before the June deadline so he can come in as the senior Labor cabinet minister and remain the top Labor man in Netanyahu's cabinet until the year 2000, regardless of who is elected to the Labor leadership slot.

To prove the existence of a Peres-Netanyahu collusion, Barak's boosters unhesitatingly point to the meeting between the two a fortnight prior to Netanyahu's proposal. Last Sunday's phone conversation between the two only fanned the flames. The version that Netanyahu usually briefed Peres on developments after the Tel Aviv cafe bombing is roundly rejected. The two, it is asserted, talk way too much and are almost chummy. Barak's allies claim that Rabin and Peres certainly did not treat Netanyahu so consistently when he was in the opposition, and no prime minister maintained such continuous contact with the opposition chief as Netanyahu does with Peres.

And if that is not airtight enough, they

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Barak: Waiting for the baton.

(Brian Hessler)

Ehud Barak was on the Negev campaign trail when word reached him on Wednesday that Leah Rabin had endorsed his bid for Labor's leadership.

The late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, said his widow, saw Barak as his successor.

Barak could not have hoped for a better gift to establish himself as the heir of Labor's loved and admired former leader.

Who would have believed him if he had said it himself? It might even have been dismissed as the puff of another politician with delusions of grandeur.

Barak was "recruited" into Labor by the peace team of Rabin and then-foreign minister Shimon Peres. They were concerned about the future leadership of the party and could see no outstretched younger-generation hand worthy of grasping the Labor baton.

Rabin and Peres once told Giora Einy, their confidant, they had found the man most suited to carry the torch - Ehud Barak, just out of the post of IDF chief of staff.

"Rabin discussed it with Peres and myself," recalls Einy, who did not know Barak personally before then. "They were looking for leadership potential and brought him on board to strengthen the government and the party. I was given the task of being liaison between Barak and the party leadership."

Barak also remembers the day he received a call from the prime minister. "Yitzhak called me after I had finished my term as chief of staff. He said he had spoken about it to Shimon, and that I should join the cabinet and its leading team. He talked about needing a reserve unit to hand the baton to when the time comes."

such a government, willing to overlook all its blunders and scandals for a cozy cabinet armchair, say those close to him.

"This government must be done away with, not saved," said Barak. "We cannot join such a government of disgrace and failure."

There was an indirect barb there for party chairman Shimon Peres, the main supporter of a unity government.

Barak has much to lose politically in a unity government. Peres's position as leader and international status will be refurbished. Barak, with a minor portfolio, would be sidelined in decision-making, weakening his stance for the next Knesset elections.

If he got defense, his objections would fade away, suggest Peres's supporters.

Not so, says Barak. Even if offered the defense ministry he would oppose a unity government.

"It's not just that the time isn't right" he said. "I don't think the time will ever be right to join this government of Gotham, with its amateurs and schlemiels, its scandals and blunders. There's only one thing to do with a government like this. Replace it!"

Barak is not, in any case, convinced the issue of a national unity government is even on the agenda. "It's all talk," he said. "It's not realistic and, anyway, nobody has offered it. Peres himself admits it's imaginary."

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# Surrendering myths

### Germans have taken to the streets over an exhibit that portrays the "ordinary German soldier" as a willing executioner, Marilyn Henry reports from Munich

The line starts forming in the Munich courtyard around 9 each morning. It expands and contracts, but never quite disappears until late afternoon. By then, closing time, 2,000 visitors will have viewed the provocative exhibit that is challenging Germany's conception of its "ordinary soldiers" during World War II.

The private exhibit on the Nazi-era German army, the Wehrmacht, has toured a dozen cities in Germany and Austria in the last two years. But when it opened last month in Munich, the Bavarian city that in 1935 Hitler dubbed the "capital of the movement," sparks began to fly.

Peter Gauweiler, leader of the Christian Socialist Union, assailed Munich's official sponsorship of the exhibit, which he called an affront to the army. Gauweiler used language that resonated with neo-Nazis. And they turned out by the thousands on March 1, pumped up by messages on the Internet, then bused from cities in the former East Germany, to stage a street protest against the exhibit. Thousands more — locals from Munich — congregated on the central Marienplatz to hold the neo-Nazis at bay.

Rachel Salamander is offended by Gauweiler's opposition to the exhibit. "It is part of the Auschwitz denial — Wehrmacht denial," says Salamander, the owner of the Jewish bookstores, Literatur Zum Judentum, in Munich, Berlin and Vienna.

The exhibit — called "Extermination War: Crimes of the Wehrmacht, 1941-44" — simply and starkly says it is time to abandon the "lie" of the German army. "In 1945, barely after the defeat of Nazi Germany, the generals began the fabrication of a legend — the legend of the 'clean army,'" the opening panel at the exhibit states. According to this legend, soldiers were not executioners. They "fulfilled their military duties with decency and dignity," and were separate from the Nazi regime.

"In 1995, it is time to say good-bye to that lie," the panel says. "From 1941 to 1944, the German Army in the Balkans and the Soviet Union conducted not a 'normal war,' but a war of destruction against Jews, prisoners of war and civilians that claimed millions of victims."

The queues show that the Germans clearly have an appetite for this material, but it is not easy to digest.

"NOBODY DENIES that war crimes were committed by members of the Wehrmacht," says Hans Podiuk, town council member in Munich and chairman of its CSU faction. "But the exhibit and the books [produced in conjunction with it] have a tendency to declare the Wehrmacht in general as a criminal organization and insult every member of the Wehrmacht."

The exhibit makes a judgment that does not show the historical reality, he said in an interview, occasionally pulling out books from the exhibit, with the offending passages highlighted with neon-pink marker, to prove his point. "Of course, crimes were committed by the SS and Gestapo, but there were millions of soldiers who were drafted, who were not enthusiastic and committed no crimes," he says. Besides, he says, the Nuremberg trials "cleared" the Wehrmacht.

Podiuk says he would not have attempted to prevent the exhibit from being shown at another site, but he took exception to the fact that it was official-

ly sponsored by the Munich city government, opened by city officials and staged in the neo-Gothic municipal building, the Rathaus.

From his second-floor office at the Rathaus, Podiuk looked down on the line of people waiting to enter the exhibit. "It is like that every day," he says, motioning toward the queue. "I can hear them arguing in line, through the window." He laughed at the suggestion that perhaps he was responsible for the exhibit's popularity, because the CSU's opposition had aroused the intense interest. In other cities, the exhibit had seen less than half the visitors who have come each day to the Rathaus show. "You're right. I initiated a discussion," says Podiuk. But he also insisted that his stance was "moderate." And he has a pedigree that discourages people from simply dismissing him as right wing: Podiuk's father, a Ukrainian, was imprisoned in Dachau — some 20 kilometers from his office in the Rathaus — for 1 1/2 years.

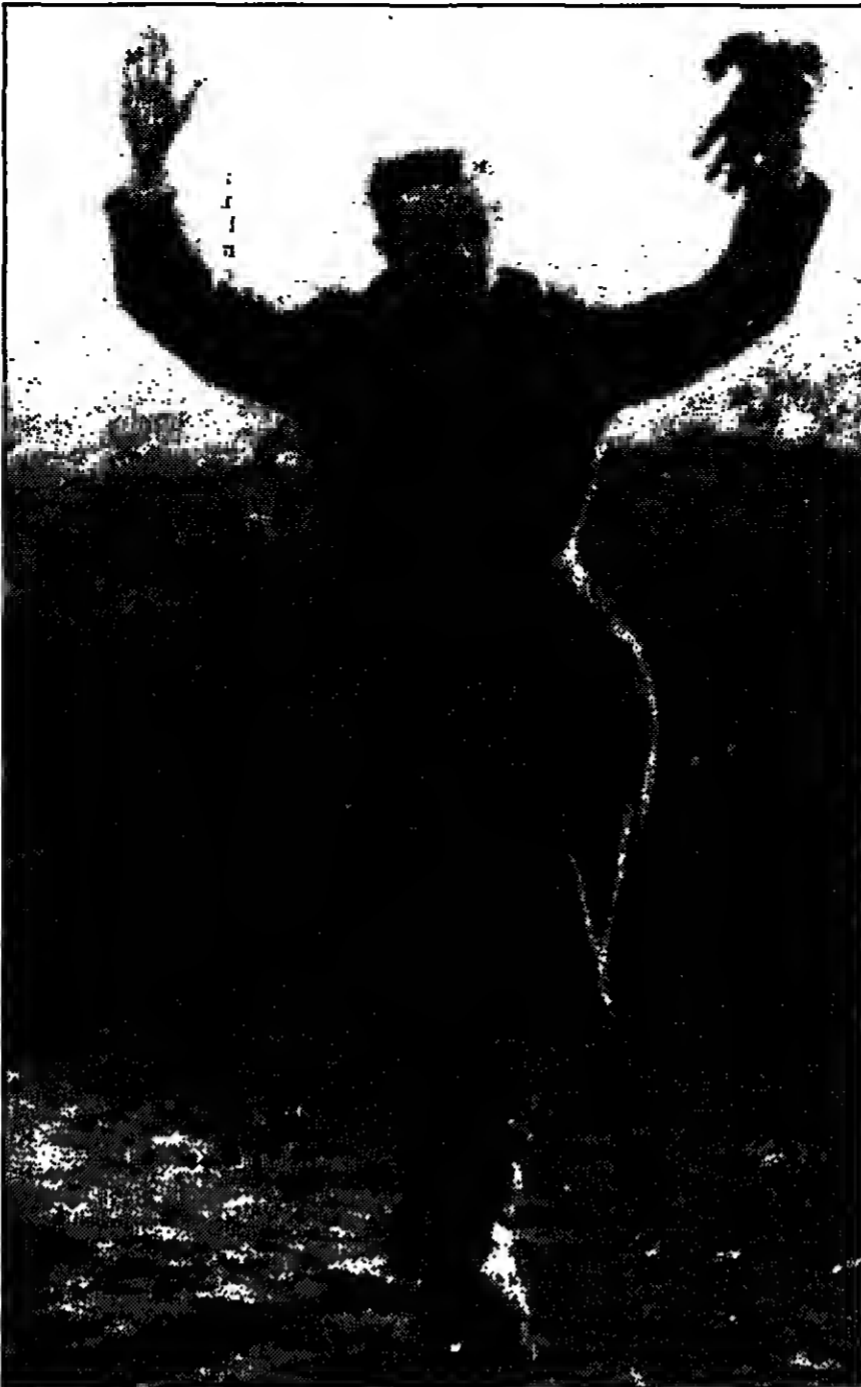
Podiuk himself acknowledges that, in his opposition, he is in the company of neo-Nazis. "We don't agree with the far right. That image is created by political adversaries," he says, adding, "It is hard for us to correct."

ONE OF the grievances of the exhibit's supporters is that the stock phrases of the far right have found their way into statements made by mainstream parties. Gauweiler's CSU is the sister party of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats, which is nationwide except in Bavaria. After the rival demonstrations in Munich, Kohl's coalition said it did not want the parliament to host the exhibition.

"Gauweiler took an extreme view and then neo-Nazis found a point of identification with the establishment," says Jurgen Zarusky, a historian at the Institute for Contemporary History in Munich.

The CSU leader "broke a certain taboo," Salamander says, adding that she feared that Gauweiler's sentiments may encourage others to voice similar views. "If a democratic party can say these things, anyone can say them," says Salamander, a prominent member of Munich's Jewish community. With 6,000 members, Munich's is the third-largest Jewish community in Germany.

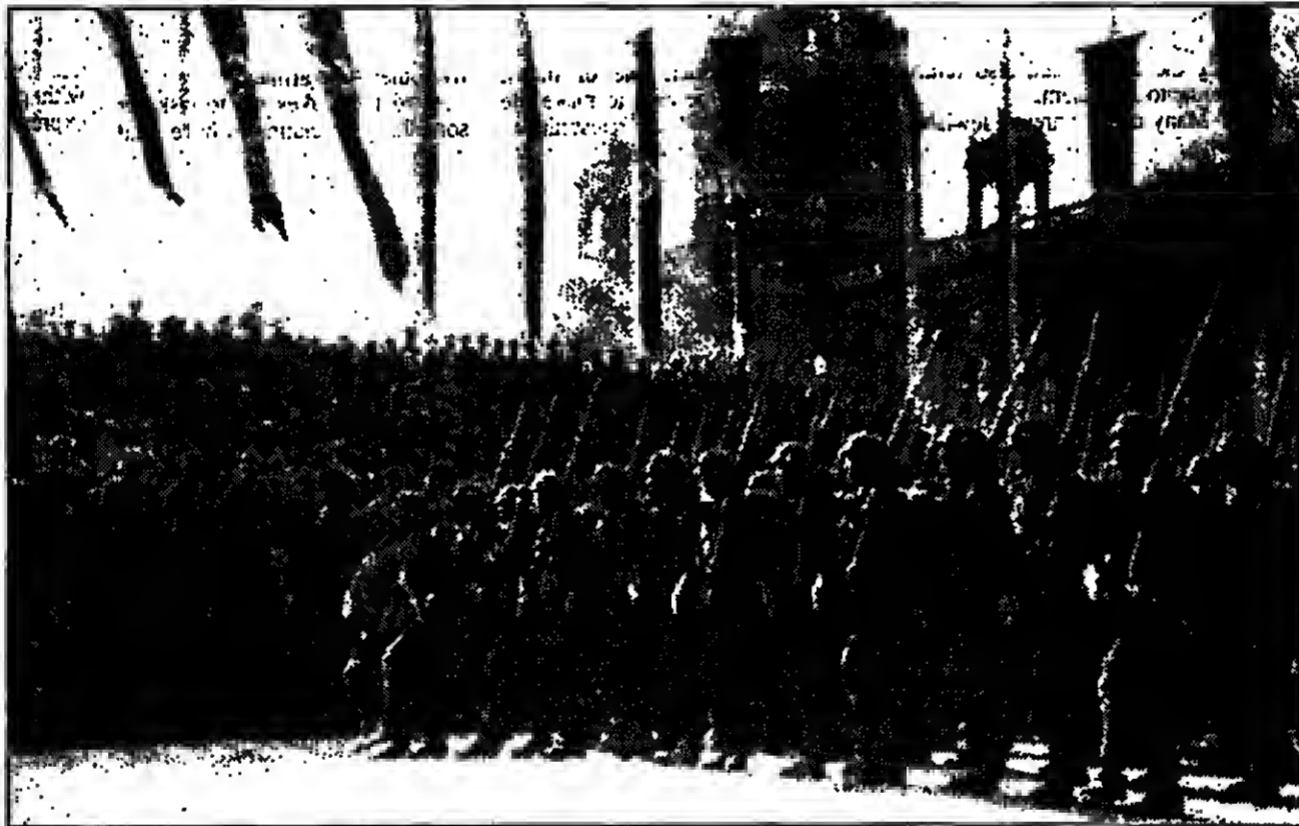
The Wehrmacht exhibit is sponsored by a foundation created by philanthropist Jan Phillip Reemtsma, whose family made its fortune selling tobacco, including to the German army. Gauweiler reportedly once suggested that Reemtsma could better use his wealth on an exhibit showing the victims of tobacco. There are, of



After the defeat of Nazi Germany, the generals began the fabrication of the legend of 'the clean army,' states the exhibit.

course, different victims shown. "The Wehrmacht was responsible for the deaths of up to 1.5 million Jews, 3.3 million prisoners of war and 5 million to 7 million [non-Jewish] civilians who all died as noncombatants," the exhibit's curator, Hannes Heer, told *Der Spiegel* magazine.

Relying heavily on text and small snapshots — unlike the giant enlarge-



The Wehrmacht was responsible for the deaths of up to 1.5 million Jews, 3.3 million prisoners of war, and over 5 million civilians who all died as noncombatants, says curator Hannes Heer.

ments common in exhibitions — the exhibit shows the war against the partisans in Serbia, the German army advancing toward Stalingrad and the occupation of Belarus.

The photos from Belarus are especially dramatic: bodies in pits, wizened men struggling with manual labor, and the Jews' yellow stars.

In Nazi Germany, when it came to the yellow stars, the Reich had its inevitable rules, which governed the size of the star, the cloth, and whether it was to be worn on the lapel or on an armband. In Minsk, though, the Wehrmacht and SS improvised. And it is reflected in the stars. In one haunting photograph, women are wearing monstrous yellow stars on the backs of their jackets. The stars look like targets for shooting practice.

There also are copies of letters sent home from the front, and they are chilling. "So far we have sent about 1,000 Jews to the hereafter. But that's still too few," a soldier identified as Franz wrote on July 7, 1941.

THE FACTS of the exhibit are not new. "What is new are the photos, taken by the soldiers themselves, showing they had no conscience," says Florian Sattler, the spokesman for the city.

Sattler's office at the Rathaus is down the hall from Podiuk's, but the two find little common ground. Sattler is tickled by official sponsorship of the event.

The majority of German adults drew the wrong interpretation of the Nuremberg tribunal, he says. Nuremberg found that the SS and the Gestapo were criminal organizations. By definition, though, the army was not, because military service there was compulsory. "Never did Nuremberg say that the army did not do criminal acts, but the German courts didn't prosecute such acts," Sattler says.

"The society of the 1950s was not prepared to try soldiers," he says. "Now you have to — our generation has to — or the next generation will reproach us."

Like Podiuk, he seems awed by the lines in the courtyard. "People stand there for hours and hours and talk about the experience of the war," he says. "Old soldiers, for 45, 48 years, they didn't speak. Now they can talk."

Or, now they can argue. Many veterans oppose the exhibit. Some say the documents and photos are fakes. Others say they are being libeled. Many stand in Marienplatz, but cannot be convinced to enter the Rathaus to view the exhibit.

organizers say. Instead, they engage other visitors in conversation. Little circles of young and old form throughout the day. Their moods can be gauged from a distance: the angry, old vet who jabs the air with his finger, the young woman who covers her face with her hands.

"It is not difficult to judge Himmler and Heydrich, but personal responsibility?" asks Zarusky, the historian. "This brings the Nazi reality close to the people and raises questions about the responsibility of ordinary people in the Third Reich." As a historical work, the exhibit is problematic because it has no context and does

not show the development of the Wehrmacht, Zarusky says. But it also shows that the army was, in fact, integrated into the "annihilation" program. "It is historically correct. It shows a certain very depressing and very important aspect of our history," he says. "Even the veterans want to know what happened."

THE EXHIBIT is, in the words of Franz Müller, a "positive provocation." Müller is one of the survivors of the White Rose, a group of Munich university students whose leaflets were the first act of resistance to Hitler. His young leaders were guillotined for challenging the Reich.

Müller does not indict the entire Wehrmacht: "There were many [soldiers] who were not guilty. The big majority didn't hurt anyone."

Nonetheless, that does not relieve them of responsibility, says Müller, who was jailed by the Reich and liberated by the Allies. Although he does not believe in collective guilt, Müller has strong ideas about "majority guilt."

"It is the guilt of different levels of an enormous number of people — not only in Germany, but in France, Poland," he says. "I am convinced that in Germany we had majority guilt."

"A man says, 'I didn't see.' Well, you should have seen," says Müller. "He closed his eyes, closed his heart, closed his ears."

In Bonn, the exhibit prompted an emotional debate in the parliament recently in which some officials cried as they told their families' tales and wrestled with their personal demons.

"Even 52 years after the end of World War II, it is still not easy to speak about the role of the Wehrmacht," Defense Minister Volker Ruehe told Reuters.

"The experiences of the Wehrmacht soldier are the experiences of our father's generation. Its effects are still felt in many families." Some of those effects may have been exacerbated by the extraordinary popularity in the last year of US historian Daniel Goldhagen's book, *Hitler's Willing Executioners*, which also looks at the atrocities committed by "ordinary" Germans.

"People are moved by the horrible things that happened, but nobody wants to be responsible for it," says a German neurologist standing in a slow-moving line to enter the exhibit in Munich.

There are ample incongruities at the Rathaus, which is within easy walking distance of Odeonsplatz, the open-air plaza that was the site of Hitler's putsch. The banner advertising the Wehrmacht exhibit hangs near a renowned Glockenspiel, whose charming carillon chimes several times a day, while whimsical figures do the "barrel-makers' dance" or "fight" a medieval tournament.

Visitors pass under an arch where the stone is inscribed: "To the members of the US Army who freed Munich from the National Socialist terror regime on 30 April 1945." But this is in the city where the Nazi Party was launched in 1920.

MUNICH TURNED back the neo-Nazis on March 1. Some 5,000 right-wing demonstrators were unable to cross Marienplatz and reach the Rathaus. The exhibit's supporters are proud that the 50 busloads of demonstrators were not local. They were blocked by an estimated 8,000 rival demonstrators, who shouted, "Nazis, out!"

There is a positive lesson here, some say proudly.

"I think what happened in Munich was valuable," says Zarusky. "People had seen the faces of neo-Nazis and heard the slogans and were shocked by it."

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The Mishtanim Index edged up 0.09 percent to 242.95, while the Maof Index added 0.02% to 250.88...

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Dow off 140 points

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In the broader market, declining issues swamped advances 4-1 on active volume of 480 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

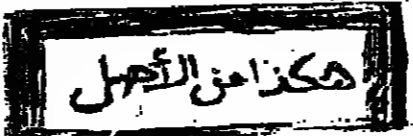
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Israeli-Arab women travel to the Allenby Bridge yesterday on the first leg of their hajj to Mecca in Saudi Arabia. (Brian Heffler)

# A-G, police review Bar-On evidence

## Netanyahu won't be investigated again

**By BATSHEVA TSUR**  
Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein and State Attorney Edna Arbel met with members of the police investigative team that has been taking evidence in the Bar-On Affair at the Neveh ilan guest house in the Jerusalem Corridor yesterday. They discussed the evidence accumulated during the nine-week of investigation.

### BAR-ON

They are expected to get together several times in the coming days, until all the material is collated and the State Attorney's Office reaches its conclusions on whether indictments should be presented.

Arbel was asked by reporters whether Prime Minister Binyamio Netanyahu would again be called to give evidence and she replied in the negative.

"There will be no more investigations, but we may have to complete some details," Arbel told Israel Radio. She added that Rabbi Ovadia Yosef had not been asked to give evidence but, if the need arose, he would be approached.

Asked when the conclusions would be published, Rubinstein told reporters that everything possible is being done to speed up the process.

"We are no less interested than others, perhaps more so, to get the results published, since it is taking up most of our time," Rubinstein said. "As soon as the results are complete, we won't waste a minute getting them published."

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# Ethiopian community angry over Israel Prize award to 'racist' journalist

**By ARYEH DEAN COHEN**

Leaders of the Ethiopian Jewish community are considering petitioning the High Court of Justice to try to block the awarding of an Israel Prize for Journalism to veteran *Ma'ariv* columnist Shmuel Schnitzer, claiming Schnitzer is a racist who incited against Ethiopian Jewry in the press.

MK Adisu Massala (Labor), who also heads the United Ethiopian Jewish Organization, sent letters to President Ezer Weizman and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer this week. He cited an article by Schnitzer from August 19, 1994, entitled "Importing Death," in which he referred to Ethiopian Jews brought to Israel and spoke of "thousands of apostates carrying dangerous diseases."

"No responsible government knowingly brings in such spreaders of disease," Schnitzer wrote. In the same column, he also asks: "Who knows if there aren't any other diseases here that haven't yet been found to be fatal?"

Schnitzer's column was written in response to an article in *Ha'aretz* about a reported high incidence of tuberculosis among Ethiopian Jewish immigrants living at caravan sites. It also followed an appeal by the Ethiopian community against the screening of a television news item about the reported high incidence of AIDS in the community. In the article,

Schnitzer argued that the public's right to know about the disease outweighed the Ethiopians' desire to protect the good name of the community.

According to Massala, a journalistic ethics committee subsequently branded the column an unfair attack on the Ethiopian community in Israel.

Schnitzer yesterday denied that the column is racist, insisting, "What I wrote are things that appear in the Law of Return. The Law of Return states that a Jew who adopts another religion is not eligible to make aliya to Israel. It also states that anyone carrying infectious diseases is not permitted to do so. I simply asked that the Law of Return be upheld."

Defending the Education Ministry's decision to award Schnitzer the prize, Dov Goldberger, the minister's adviser on Israel Prizes, said that the award is made "for a person's life's work."

"It's hard to think of many nominees about whom one could not find something to criticize. There are authors honored who have published unsuccessful books, or scientists about whom it could be claimed they once wrote a scientific article that was found to be incorrect," he said.

As an example, he singled out Jewish philosopher and Israel Prize winner Yeshayahu Leibowitz, who once used the term "Judeo-Nazis" to describe

IDF soldiers. "But was he not deserving of the award for his life's work?" Goldberger asked.

He added that there had even been those who were critical of the choice of TV newscaster Haim Yavin for the award this year, "because he raised his eyebrows when announcing the 'mahapach' [turn over] in the elections.

"Obviously, if we were judging by this particular article, we would have not awarded him the prize, but the prize is for an entire life's work," Goldberger said.

However, in his letter, Massala

said that awarding the prize to Schnitzer was tantamount to spitting in the face of Ethiopian Jews living here. He said he was surprised that "in a democratic society like Israel, such a person could get such a prize."

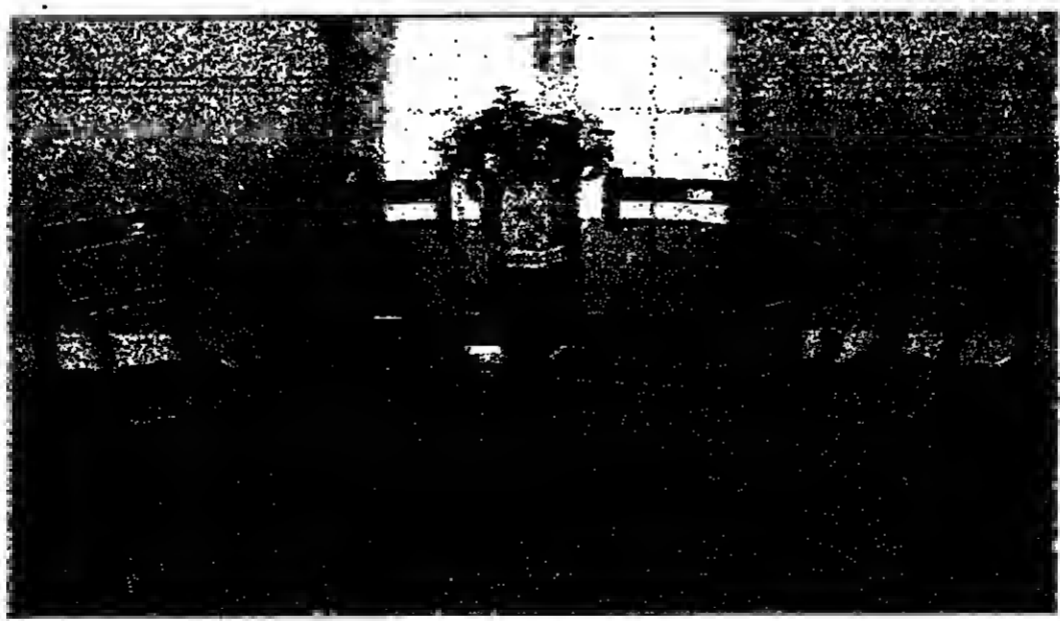
Massala said that the award singles out Schnitzer's contribution as a Zionist, but the article showed "he's an anti-Zionist, and an antisemite, not worthy of the prize."

"This is not an Israel Prize for Journalism, but an Israel Prize for racism and incitement," Massala said.

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